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Staff Sgt. Dennis Kenney from the 699th Maintenance Company shows off a scorpion he found at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Troops deployed to Iraq and Kuwait mingle with creatures they rarely get to see at home. Between big lizards and ill-tempered camels, servicemembers have lots of run-ins with local wildlife.

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World

Madrid train bombings: Spanish police have re-arrested two men who were questioned but released shortly after the March 11 train bombings in Madrid, an Interior Ministry spokes-

woman said Friday.

Abdelkrim Beghdali of Algeria and Safwan Sabagh of Syria — both 41 — were arrested in the eastern coastal region of Valencia, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

She said they were arrested again Friday because their fingerprints were found in an apartment outside Madrid where seven bombing suspects blew themselves up April 3 as police moved in to arrest them.

Uzbekistan attacks: Uzbek prosecutors demanded jail terms of up to 20 years — not death — for 15 alleged al-Qaida-linked Islamic militants accused in attacks that killed at least 47 people earlier this year.

We do "not demand capital punishment," prosecutor Murat Salikhov said Friday.

Salikhov said they called for lengthy jail terms because of the suspects' guilty pleas, repentance and cooperation with investigators. All 15 have pleaded guilty to charges of religious extremism, terrorism and murder.

Mad cow fears: The European Food Safety Authority on Friday raised its assessment of the risk of finding mad cow disease in the United States, Canada and Norway, but officials said the move would affect only Norwegian beef exporters. Norway's reclassification from "highly un-

Norway's reciassinication from "nigniy unlikely" to "unlikely but not excluded" means its exporters will have to "take out a bit more significant risk material" before shipping beef into the EU, said European Commission spokeswoman Beste Gminder

The United States and Canada were both raised from "unlikely" to "likely but not confirmed or confirmed at a lower level." That follows the discovery of a lone case of mad cow disease in Canada's Alberta province and another in Washington state in 2003.

International space station: Russian engineers used a newly docked cargo ship to push the international space station into a slightly higher orbit Friday.

Mission Control fired the engines on the Progress M-50 cargo ship for about five minutes at 5:24 a.m. to push the station about 2.5 miles higher, the Russian space agency said in a statement

Engineers hoped to use the procedure to accurately weigh the sprawling station, the space agency said.

Japan nuclear disaster: Officials at a Japanese nuclear plant where four workers died in a recent accident defended themselves Friday against charges of lax safety standards, saying there was no evidence the plant was dangerous before the accident.

The Nuclear Safety Commission grilled officials from Kansai Electrical Power Co. in a second day of hearings about the Aug. 9 accident, in which a cooling pipe burst at a plant in Mihama, 200 miles west of Tokyo, spewing boiling water and superheated steam on workers.

States

School raid: A guns-drawn raid at a high school in Charleston, S.C., last year did not violate civil rights laws and the case is closed, the U.S. Justice Department says. "The evidence does not establish a prose-

"The evidence does not establish a prosecutable violation" of federal civil rights laws, a Justice Department official said in a letter to Goose Creek Police Chief Harvey Becker. The letter says, "Accordingly, we have closed our investigation."

The Justice Department decision "is a





Princess Diana fountain: A memorial fountain honoring Princess Diana in London had a second, subdued opening Friday with new signs up warning people not to wade in the unexpectedly slippery granite ring. The fountain was opened by Queen Elizabeth II on July 6, but shut down within days as falling leaves clogged the system and a few visitors were injured in falls.

great relief," meaning there will be no criminal charges, Andy Savage, a lawyer for officers in the sweep, said.

Using a drug dog, police found no drugs or weapons in the Nov. 5 raid that frightened children, provoked marches and lawsuits and brought national media attention and the resignation of Stratford High School's longtime principal.

Robert Blake case: Months before the scheduled start of actor Robert Blake's murder trial in Los Angeles, a former investigator has been called to the stand by prosecutors who want to make sure his testimony is heard.

The "conditional examination" of William Jordan, scheduled for Friday, was requested by prosecutors who said that because he is more than 70 years old, he may be unavailable at the time of the trial. His testimony would still be admitted at trial.

Nichols case: Deciding at the last possible moment not to appeal his conviction, Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols brought his case to a final close, saying he hoped it would begin a "long-awaited healing process."

For Nichols, it means a life in prison with no further recourse.



Nichols

SUV lawsuit: A San Diego judge upheld a juvy retriet that Ford Motor Co. was responsible for an accident that left a woman paralyzed when her Explorer rolled over, but reduced the damages against the automaker from \$369 million to \$150 million.

Superior Court Judge Kevin Enright said

in his ruling Thursday the evidence presented at trial earlier this year showed Ford "acted with malice and that Ford acted with a conscious disregard for the safety of others"

Attorneys for defendant Benetta Buell-Wilson argued the automaker used weak support pillars in the vehicle "which resulted in the Explorer having a propensity to collanse in a rollover collision."

Rusinass

File sharing lawsuit: In a judicial blow to peals court in San Francisco ruled that makers of two leading file-sharing programs are not legally liable for the songs, movies and other copyright works their users swap online.

The decision is likely to force the industry to take the more costly and less popular route of going directly after file-swappers.

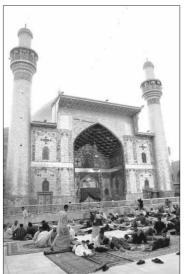
Recording companies already have sued more than 3,400 such users; at least 600 of the cases were eventually settled for roughly \$3,000 each.

Military

Anthrax contamination: An Army investigation into anthrax contamination outside secure labs at the United States' chief biodefense research facility blames cavalier attitudes for the safety breach.

The anthrax leaks were detected in April 2002 at the Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Md. Officials at the facility, which served as the chief forensic lab for the 2001 anthrax mailings that killed five people, revamped security and safety rules last year.

Stories and photos from wire services



Iragis loval to radical Shiite cleric Mugtada al-Sadr rest at the Imam Ali Mosque as the Mahdi army clashes with U.S. and Iraqi forces in the besieged city of Najaf, Iraq. On Friday, al-Sadr's militiamen removed weapons from the mosque, and the cleric may hand over the shrine to Iran officials

Najaf militiamen remove arms from inside shrine

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The Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq — Militiamen loyal to rebel Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr on Friday removed weapons from the revered Imam Ali Shrine in Najaf in a step aimed at ending the two-week-old uprising centered on the holy site

Al-Sadr's followers remained in control of the walled shrine compound, but kept their guns outside Some of the same fight. ers who earlier had been in the shrine with weapons were still there, but now unarmed and mingling with civilians

The firebrand cleric agreed to take a further step and surrender the shrine, which his Mahdi Army militia has used as a stronghold and as refuge Al-Sadr aides were working out the handover of control over the shrine to Iraq's highest Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani

Turning the shrine over likely would mean an end to al-Sadr's revolt for the time being - though it would not necessarily mean the dismantling of his militia, a demand he so far has rejected.

Confusion was created when an Interior Ministry spokesman, Sabah Kadhim, said Friday the shrine and arrested 400 armed militants without incident.

However, an Associated Press reporter and other journalists who were in the shrine throughout the day said no police entered and no arrests were made. In the evening, no Iraqi police or security forces were in the shrine.

Sporadic gunfire and occasional explosions were heard in the city Friday evening, but far less than previous nights

The surprise moves to resolve the crisis came a day after Irag's interim prime minister, Ayad Allawi, threatened to storm the shrine, a move certain to cause bloodshed and infuriate Shiites across Iraq. On Thursday and U.S. overnight, U.S. warplanes bombed militia positions in Najaf in fighting that killed 77 people and wounded 70 others

But with Naiaf on Friday at its quietest in weeks. Allawi backed off his threats, saying a peaceful resolution was possible. And his national security adviser said the government wanted al-Sadr to join the political process.

"We are not going to attack the mosque, we are not going to attack Muotada al-Sadr and the mosque, evidently we are not going to do this," Allawi told BBC radio Friday. "The olive branch is still extended; he can take advantage of the olive branch."

By nightfall, many armed al-Sadr militiamen still were around the shrine, circulating in the Old City district. Militiamen and other followers also were inside the shrine — but unarmed. As gunmen entered, they left their weapons with comrades outside, then reclaimed them as they

The AP reporter at the site saw no weapons in the shrine. It was not known whether any weapons were hidden inside, though militant leaders denied there were.

Allawi's government wants al-Sadr and his followers incorporated into the political process, Iraqi National Security adviser Mouaffaq al-Rubaie said. He told CNN that al-Sadr was not a terrorist and did not pose a strategic threat to Iraq like al-Qaida and other extremists did.

'The political process and democracy in Iraq is so accommodating that it can and will accommodate even the most extremist group. including Muntada al-Sadr," he said.

Meanwhile, insurgents set off a roadside bomb that killed an American soldier and wounded two others in the city of Samarra. northwest of Baghdad, the mili-

Uncertainty about al-Sadr's motives complicates efforts

BY KEN GUGGENHEIM

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - What's clear about radical Iraqi cleric Muqtada al-Sadr is that he wants power, U.S. officials say. What's less certain is what he wants to do with that power or how far he'll go to get it.

As the U.S. government struggles to understand al-Sadr and his motives, that uncertainty is complicating efforts to end one of the greatest threats to stability in

Al-Sadr, whose lovalists have been fighting a U.S.-Iraqi force throughout Najaf for two weeks, wants U.S. forces to leave the country and opposes Iraq's interim government, but doesn't say what he wants in its place, U.S. officials say. He has close ties to Iran, but it's not known whether he wants Iraq to have a clerical government like Iran's. He says he's ready to become a martyr, but that may be just talk

"I don't think we can trust al-Sadr," Condoleezza Rice. President Bush's national security adviser, said Wednesday on Fox News Channel. "We have seen many, many times al-Sadr assume or say he is going to accept certain terms and then it turns out not to be the case.

Solving the problem "is a matter for the Iraqi government," she stressed Thursday in appearances on television networks ARC CRS and NRC

"No one is listening to his words. Every-

body says that he must have deeds now be cause no one trusts him to keep his word. The Iraqis have been very tough and I think we ought to let this play out." she

A State Department official said no one in the government is sure what al-Sadr represents or what his motives and goals are. In general, U.S. officials think al-Sadr's main goal probably is the advancement of his own political influence, the official said on condition of anonymity, because of the sensitivity of the situation in Iraq.

Pentagon officials, for their part, say it is unclear whether al-Sadr is willing to participate in the interim government, or if he wants to overthrow it. He has wavered between violent defiance and peaceful accommodation, most recently agreeing to lay down his arms and withdraw his Mahdi Army militia from a holy shrine in

The uncertainty over his goals has left U.S. officials divided over whether the conflict with al-Sadr can be resolved peacefully or whether he and his supporters must

Kenneth Katzman, an Iraq specialist at the Congressional Research Service, said the result has been a U.S. policy that has been "lurching one day to the next between going after him, cease-fire, go after

"I think it's just confusion," he said. Adding to the uncertainty is the United States' limited ability to deal directly with



A supporter of Shiite cleric Mugtada adr prays with others holding pictures of al-Sadr during noon prayers Friday in

al-Sadr. Any political solution would have to be worked out by Iraqis, and Iraqi forces would have a key role in fighting, particularly near sensitive religious sites

"In the end this is going to have to be resolved by the Iraqis themselves," said David Mack, a former senior State Department official for the Middle East. "We can provide the cordon around Najaf as we have, we can provide backing for them, we can provide intelligence and logistic support. And they have got to resolve it.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

As of Thursday, 947 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 706 died as a result of hostile action and 241 died of nonhostile causes.

The British military has reported 64 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, nine; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat opera-tions in Iraq had ended, 809 U.S. troops - 597 as a result of hostile action and 212 of nonhostile causes.

The latest deaths reported by military:

■ A Marine assigned to I Marine Expeditionary Force was killed in action Wednesday in Najaf. Another Marine died after a vehicle accident in Anbar province.

A soldier was killed Wednesday by small arms fire in Sadr City, eastern Bagh-

The latest identification reported by the

Army Pfc. Henry C. Risner, 26, Golden, Colo.; killed Wednesday in Baghdad, Iraq, when his checkpoint came under fire; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum,

Brandon T. Titus, 20, Boise, Idaho; killed Tuesday in Baghdad, Iraq, in an explosion near his checkpoint; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infan-try Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

Troops say they'll miss tours in Europe

Many also feel South Korea cuts will tempt North to invade Seoul

By JASON CHUDY AND JON R. ANDERSON Stars and Stripes

Troops deployed to the gritty combat zones of Iraq and Central Asia say they'll miss tours to friendlier assignments in Europe, but the understand the reasons for cutting troops there.

It's reductions to forces from South Korea - a hardship tour for most soldiers - that's raising eyebrows among many troops.

As part of a plan announced by President Bush on Monday, the Pentagon will cut some 70,000 troops from Europe and the Pacific. The bulk of those cuts will come from Europe, officials say, largely from the Army's Germany-based 1st Armored and 1st Infantry divisions. Those units will relocate to the United States starting in as little as two years. In the Pacific, up to one-third of the 37,000 U.S. troops based in South Korea will leave the peninsula, as

Both Germany-based divisions and one brigade from the South Korea-based 2nd Infantry Division have been, or currently are, deployed to Iraq.

"As much as I liked being stationed in Germany, it's about time we pulled out," said Sgt. 1st Class David Westphal, now serving in Iraq with a Fort Riley, Kan.-based unit.

"The threat we had no longer exists," he said. "The threat is elsewhere

That threat, many believe, is in South Korea. Many don't agree with cuts there, as it may provide too much of a temptation to nuclear-armed North Korea

"As soon as you do that, they'll



walk right down into Seoul," said retired Sgt. 1st Class Reginald Joseph, who's in Iraq working for Datapath Company, a military contractor, "It's a cakewalk,"

Joseph, who retired from the Army two years ago, spent three ars in South Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division

"It definitely makes it easier for North Korea," agreed Dallas-native Spc. Jeff Nichols of the 555th Engineer Company, who spent a year in South Korea. "[Troops] being a hell of a lot closer to home is not good for national or world security. It won't benefit from that '

Some soldiers believe that their soldiering skills benefited from being stationed overseas.

"As soon as you're overseas, you have to concentrate more said Joseph. "It gives soldiers a sense of urgency and an idea of what the Army is all about."



"Training is not the same back home like it is there," said Westphal. "The operational tempo of the Army will keep you overseas anyway.

"We get to places sometimes that we don't like or that are a hardship, like Iraq, but even in those hardships there is a tremendous opportunity to grow and learn and expand yourself culturally," said Sgt. Brian Sutton of the 2nd ID's 2nd Brigade Combat Team. "In that regard, I will miss an overseas assignment

"Soldiers probably always look at stateside assignments as a good thing because that puts us closer to home and family," said the 33-year-old Sutton, who left his wife and children in South Korea for this deployment. "If we are talking about moving units back to the States. I'm all for that."

Pfc. Travis Jenkins, however, couldn't disagree more





Staff Sgt. Eric Gutierre:

Scott Meakin, an HC-130 "Com-Jenkins was disappointed when he got assigned to Hawaii after graduating from military police school last year. His first pick: Germany.

"I was really hoping to get an assignment there, said Jenkins, now deployed to Uzbekistan. "I guess now I won't get my chance

His supervisor, Staff Sgt. Eric Gutierrez, got his chance a few years ago and wouldn't have traded it for the world. "I loved Europe, I had a blast,"

said Gutierrez, who served in Germany from 1999 to 2002 and is now deployed to Uzbekistan. Still, he says he grudgingly accepts that times are changing. 'We've been drawing down Eu-

rope for years and this is probably next logical step," he said. Others hope there will still be

opportunities for duty there. People really want to do tours in Europe," said Air Force Capt. bat King" navigator in Uzbeki-"A lot of people join the mili-

tary to see the world," said Meakin. With troops restricted to base in Uzbekistan, Meakin says he doesn't feel like he's seeing much of this part of the world 'At least in Europe you can go out and experience the culture

Others, however, say it's not where you serve, but how you

"If you're going to be a good soldier, it's in yourself, not where you're at," said the Bronx, N.Y.-native Sgt. Michael Reuben of the 2nd Battalion, 58th Field Artillery, who's deployed to Iraq with the 95th Military Police Bat-

this story.

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New EU leader seeks unified stance on Iraq

BY PAUL GEITNER The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium - European governments should put divisions over Iraq behind them and join in helping the United States restore order there, the European Union's incoming chief executive said in an interview published Fri-

"Some people in Europe may think that it is good that things are going badly for the U.S." in Iraq, European Commission Presi-dent-designate Jose Manuel Barroso said in the interview with five European newspapers. "I really think that is irrational and a bad policy.' As Portugal's prime minister,

Barroso supported the U.S.-led invasion, hosting a prewar summit with the leaders of the United States, Britain and Spain in the Azores Islands. The country has about 120 police officers stationed near Nasiriyah in southern Iraq

France and Germany opposed the war and have refused to send troops to help the U.S.-led coalition. Spain recently pulled its forces out of Iraq following the election of a new government.

Divisions over Iraq cast a shadow over efforts last June to choose the next commission president, who runs the EU's 24,000-strong civil service.

Britain and Italy rejected an early front-runner Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt - partly over his strident opposition to the Iraq war. France rejected a British candidate but agreed to Barroso, despite his stance on

In the interview, Barroso said Europeans should "leave behind our disagreements on Iraq" and "give a positive, strong contribution to the Iraqi problem

He said he wanted to see a



Iose Manuel Barroso

"good, close, cooperative" relationship with the United States.

"It is in our interest to work with them, but it is also in the interest of the world," he said. But, he added, "I don't like to see the EU in a secondary position. Partnership needs respect and that works both ways."

Iraqi soldiers graduate basic training course, will form Samarra unit

More than 300 Iraqi soldiers celebrated the completion of a three-week basic training course Monday with a ceremony in Tikrit attended by American and Iraqi dignitaries, a Task Force Danger spokesman

The soldiers are from Samarra, a city of more than 200,000 that has been a center of resistance to U.S. occupation and the new Iraqi government's authority and the site of a deadly car-bomb attack July 8 that killed five U.S. and two Iraqi soldiers

They will patrol alongside the troops of Task Force 1-26, composed primarily of soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team and the New York National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment.

Lt. Gen. David Petraeus and Mai. Gen. John Batiste, joined Iraqi military and government leaders and international media at the ceremony, according to the 1st Infantry Division's Web site.

Batiste, who is commander of the Tikrit-based Task Force Danger and the 1st Infantry Division, reportedly told the gathering that tens of millions of dollars have been made available to rebuild infrastructure in the troubled city, but none will be spent until it is peaceful

Professor: Iraq prison docs aided abuse

BY EMMA ROSS The Associated Press

LONDON — Doctors working for the U.S. military in Iraq collaborated with interrogators in the abuse of detainees at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison, profoundly breaching medical ethics and human rights, a bioethicist charges in The Lancet

medical journal. In a scathing analysis of the behavior of military doctors, nurses and medics, Uni-versity of Minnesota professor Steven Miles calls for a reform of military medicine and an official investigation into the role played by physicians and other medi-

cal staff in the torture scandal.

He cites evidence that doctors or medics falsified death certificates to cover up homicides, hid evidence of beatings and revived a prisoner so he could be further tor-tured. No reports of abuses were initiated by medical personnel until the official in-vestigation into Abu Ghraib began, he

"The medical system collaborated with designing and implementing psychologically and physically coercive interrogations,'
Miles said in this week's edition of Lancet.

"Army officials stated that a physician and a psychiatrist helped design, approve and monitor interrogations at Abu Gh-

The analysis does not shed light on how many doctors were involved or how widespread the problem of medical complicity was, aspects that Miles said he is now inves-

tigating A U.S. military spokesman said the inci-dents recounted by Miles came primarily from the Pentagon's own investigation of

Charges Abu Ghraib medics covered up now-infamous torture

"Many of these cases remain under in-vestigation and charges will be brought against any individual where there is evidence of abuse," said Lt. Col. Barry Johnson, U.S. Army spokesman for detain-

ee operations in Iraq In a related matter, two military officials in Washington said Thursday that a high-level Army inquiry will cite medical personnel who knew of abuse at Abu Ghraib but did not report it up the chain of command. The inquiry also will criticize senior U.S. commanders for a lack of leadership that allowed abuses to occur, but finds no evidence they ordered the abuse, said the sources, who spoke condition of ano-

Although the conduct of soldiers has een scrutinized, the role of medical staff in the scandal has received relatively little attention.

"The detaining power's health personnel are the first and often the last line of defense against human rights abuses. Their failure to assume that role emphasizes to the prisoner how utterly beyond humane appeal they are." Miles said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

He said military medicine reform needs to be enshrined in international law and include more clout for military medical staff

in the defense of human rights Miles gathered evidence from U.S. congressional hearings, sworn statements of detainees and soldiers, medical journal ac-counts and press reports to build a picture of physician complicity, and in isolated cases active participation by medical personnel in abuse at the Baghdad prison, as well as in Afghanistan and at the Guantanamo Bay detention center in Cuba.

In one example, cited in a sworn statement from an Abu Ghraib detainee, a prisoner collapsed and was apparently unconscious after a beating. Medical staff revived the detainee and left, allowing the abuse to continue, Miles reported.

Depositions from two detainees at Abu Ghraib described an incident in which a doctor allowed a medically untrained guard to sew up a prisoner's wound.

A military police officer reported a medic inserted an intravenous tube into the corpse of a detainee who died while being tortured to create evidence that he was alive at the hospital, Miles said.
At prisons in both Iraq and Afghanistan,

"physicians routinely attributed detainee deaths on death certificates to heart attacks, heat stroke or natural causes without noting the unnatural [cause] of the death," Miles wrote.

He cites an example from a Human Rights Watch report in which soldiers tied a beaten detainee to the top of his cell door and gagged him. The death certificate indicated he died of "natural causes ... during his sleep." However, after media coverage, the Pentagon changed the cause of death to homicide by blunt force injuries and suffo-

Dr. Robert Jay Lifton, a psychiatrist at Harvard University-affiliated Cambridge Hospital who wrote a book on doctors and torture in Nazi Germany, called the Lancet analysis "a very good, detailed description medical ethics

In a July 29 New England Journal of Medicine essay, Lifton urged medics to report what they know about American torture at Abu Ghraib and other prisons, and said in an interview Thursday that a non-military-led investigation of doctors' conduct is needed

"They made choices," he said. "No doctor would have been physically abused or put to death if he or she tried to interrupt that torture. It would have taken courage, but it was a choice they had."

In an editorial comment, The Lancet condemned the behavior of the doctors, saying that despite dual loyalties, they are doctors first and soldiers second.

"Those who were involved or witnessed

"Those wno were involved or winnesseu ill-treatment need to give a full and accurate account of events at Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo Bay," the journal said.

Johnson, the Army spokesman, said the U.S. military "will allow no actions that undermine or compromise medical professions." sionals' commitment to caring for the sick and wounded, regardless of who they are

or their circumstances." In his article, Miles dismissed Pentagon officials putting the blame for the abuse on poor training, understaffing, racism, pressure to procure intelligence and the stress

"Fundamentally, however, the stage for these offenses was set by policies that were lax or permissive with regard to human rights abuses, and a military command that was inattentive to human rights," Miles concluded.

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Troops at Udairi Range meet local wildlife

Nature mixes with U.S. forces in Kuwait, making servicemembers think twice before acting

BY SETH ROBSON Stars and Stripes

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait t first glance, the desert that surrounds Camp Buehring and Udairiang appears to be a desolate, hellish training environment.

Soldiers who live there, including those from the 2nd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, known as the Strikeforce, have discovered there is more to this scorched landscape than meets the eye.

A close inspection of the ground reveals a few sickly plants struggling to make a home in the sand. And a few miles from Camp Buehring there is even a tree. If grows a few hundred yards from Iron Horse Road, the last piece of hardball before the turn-off for the camp.

The tree is so unique that soldiers are thinking up names for it. Some 2nd ID soldiers have suggested calling it the Kuwaiti Tree of Knowledge in honor of another Tree of Knowledge growing at Twin Bridges Training Area in South Korea.

Others refer to it as "the Joshua Tree," a reference to the platinum selling album by pop-group U2.

"Where's Bono?" asked one soldier as he drove past the tree recently.

Scurrying amongst the sparse vegetation are deadly insects such as scorpions and

camel-spiders.
Salem, Ohio, native Warrant Officer Randall Menough, 41, of the 699th Maintenance Company, said these creatures sometimes make their homes at the engineering workshop he operates in a corner of Camp Buehring.

A camel spider bit a soldier after he picked up a sheet of metal it was living under, he said.

"The camel spider is a meat eater. They are not poisonous but they inject you with a numbing agent," Menough explained.

The soldier was kept in the hospital overnight for observation but was released the next day suffering effects similar to those of a bee-sting victim.

After five months in the desert, Menough has accumulated a collection of scorpions assembled in a glass terrarium to amuse visitors. There are two types of scorpions — small yellow ones and large black ones.

Perhaps the most striking

desert creatures are the

cat-sized large green and

uellow lizards that prowl

the wasteland. Their

spiky tails and faces give

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miniature

Turannosaurus Rexes.

The smaller scorpions are more venomous than their larger cousins, but when it comes to a battle they usually succumb to their more heavily armored foes, soldiers said.

Perhaps the most striking desert creatures are the cat-sized green and yellow lizards that

prowl the wasteland. Their spiky tails and faces give them the appearance of miniature Tyrannosaurus Rexes.

There are no lizards in Menough's miniature zoo and he has no plans to acquire one. "We don't mess with the lizards. The yellow ones are dangerous," he said.

The cold-blooded reptiles like to bask in the sun or scuttle about the dusty landscape searching for prey.

Each appears to have marked out its



PHOTOS BY SETH POBSON/Stars and Strin

Above: Camels create a common, albeit unusual, driving hazard for 2nd ID soldiers training at Udairi Range in Kuwait.

Right: Camels graze by the side of the road. But don't be fooled by their docile appearance. Camels are no more amicable than the skittish lizards. Some soldiers even make sport of newcomers by telling them they can pet the camels, and then laugh when a would-be camel-petter recoils in fear as a seemingly friendly beast spits and snaps at him.

own territory, which it patrols vigilantly in the hot sun.

However, an attempt to make friends with one of the lizards is rebuffed. The beast scuttles off, stopping every so often to glance year that proval that proval that the seminate of the sand that resembles a rabbit's burnance of

The mega-fauna of this marvelous eco-system are the

towering camels that strut about the desert haughtily gazing down at passersby, seemingly mocking the camel-backs worn by the soldiers.

These majestic beasts are uniquely equipped to survive out here, retaining enough water in their humps to survive where ordinary beasts would perish.

The camels are no more amicable than the lizards. Some soldiers make sport of newcomers by telling them they can pet the camels, and then laugh when a would-be camel-petter recoils in fear as a



seemingly docile beast spits and snaps at its vacant eyes stare out from the hood as if him.

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Spc. Christopher Pizzino, 21,
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17th Field Artillery Regiment

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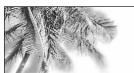
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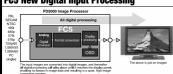
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Source: Navy commands to consolidate

Naval Forces Europe headquarters, 6th Fleet would merge in Naples

AND SCOTT SCHONAUER Stars and Stripes

The U.S. military's overseas troop shake-up is expected to include a large number of changes to Navy forces in Europe, including the merger of its two top headquarters and the downsizing of a base in Iceland, according to several Navy officials and other sources.

The Navy has released few details on the plans for Europe, but some of the changes already have started.

The biggest move in the redesign is the plan to move its headquarters in London — where it has been since World War II and to combine its top staffs in Naples Italy, as early as next summer.

The London-based Naval Forces Europe headquarters staff and the Gaeta Italy-based 6th Fleet staff are expected to merge and operate from the Naval Support Activity Naples's windowless command and control building, according to a Navy of ficial who spoke on a condition of anonymi-

ty.

The consolidated command will have about 500 military and civilian personnel from the two parent staffs, as well as personnel from other Naples-area comm including the Commander, Fleet Air Medi-terranean combined staff and possibly Submarine Group Eight, the official said

The merger in Naples and changes to Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland, also were recently cited in a Government Ac-countability Office report to Congress on plans for overseas bases.

The July 2004 report states that although a master plan for European structure has not been finalized, commanders are continuing "to develop and implement plans for facilities they believe will have an en-during presence," including Naval Support Activities, Naples. Naval Station Rota in Spain also is mentioned in the report as a base Navy leaders want to keep.

Navy Europe spokesman Capt. Gordon Hume said he wouldn't discuss any pend ing changes because the Pentagon has not completed its realignment plan, what military officials call the Global Posture Re-

President Bush announced Monday that he plans to bring home 60,000 to 70,000 troops and 100,000 family members and civilian employees by closing hundreds of overseas bases



People walk around the Capodichino base Friday in Naples, Italy. As part of the Defense Department's global repositioning, Navy commands in London could be moved to Naples by next summer.

"Until final decisions are made with regard to the Global Posture Review, it is inappropriate for us to discuss specifics of any recommendations under review," Hume wrote in an e-mail to Stars and

The U.S. military still is in the process of consulting and negotiating these plans with "current and potential host countries" as well as the U.S. Congress, Hume added in his e-mail The GAO report stated that the base in

Iceland would be trimmed over the next few years as some of its current missions are moved to other European bases.

It mentioned "three parcels of land in Iceland have been nominated by U.S. Navy Europe for return to the host nation and are currently in the property return process."

The Naples merger is being done, accord-

ing to the GAO report, "to reduce costs while increasing operational effective-ness," including cutting a number of redundant positions and missions in the various staffs, many of which have historically over-

The as-yet unnamed command had been expected to officially stand up Oct. 1, the Navy official said, but the move from London to Naples couldn't be completed in that

Navy public affairs officials in Europe and Washington have repeatedly told Stars and Stripes that any changes have not been approved through military or diplomatic channels and therefore can't be confirmed.

However, hints of some of the details have leaked into base newspapers, town hall-style meetings and official military

For example, one of the planned changes, the makeup of the new command's medical staff, was posted on the Tricare Europe Web site. Plans show that of the 17 military and civilian positions currently carried by the two staffs, three officers and one enlist-ed position will be cut when they merge.

In addition, there been frequent reference es to one of the merged command's early working names — Commander, Naval European Command — by area military offi-

The Commander Navy Region Europe Web site, www.cnrejobs.com, has jobs listed for the new command under the name Commander, Naval European Command.

Initial elements of the new command started working together in a "fusion cell' at the Naples' C4I building earlier this year according to two sailors working in the cell who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

When the staffs officially merge, the

four-star Navy Europe and three-star 6th Fleet commanders will continue to control their previous areas of responsibility. Navy

Under the current setup, Naval Forces Europe commands all Navy operations in Europe. Its commander, Adm. Gregory Johnson, also serves as head of NATO's Na-ples-based Joint Forces Command. Until recently, the command had been known as Allied Forces Southern Europe.

The 6th Fleet mainly is responsible for

all ship, aircraft and submarine operations in its area of operations, which includes all waters surrounding Europe and most of Africa. It is one of five numbered Navy fleets, which are each responsible for large areas of world.

In November 2002, the Navy officially formed a new command: Commander, Navy Region Europe, also known as CNRE. It is responsible for maintenance and sup-ply of the Navy's eight major European

Plans also may be in the works to cut all military ship, and possibly, aircraft mainte-nance billets, according to a Navy official.

The Navy doesn't operate any shipyards in the Mediterranean Sea region and any maintenance work is done in civilian-run facilities in the area or by the La Maddalena, Sardinia-based submarine tender USS Emory S. Land.

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The Norfolk, Va.-based USS Mount Whitney is set to replace the USS La Salle next year as the flagship of the Navy's 6th Fleet, according to an officer on the ship speaking on the condition of anonymity. The Mount Whitney is expected to arrive in Gaeta, Italy, early next year. The 6th Fleet, however, is likely to be relocated to Naples by next summer.

USS Mount Whitney will take over as flagship of 6th Fleet, officer says

BY JASON CHUDY

The possible move of the U.S. Navy's 6th Fleet from Gaeta, Italy, to Naples also could include a change of the flagship.

The Norfolk, Va.-based USS Mount Whitney will replace the aging USS La Salle next year, according to a Navy officer on the ship who spoke on the condition of anonymity

The Mount Whitney is expected to arrive in Gaeta - halfway between Rome and Naples - early next year and take over duties from La Salle La Salle then is expected to return to the East Coast and be decommissioned.

Gaeta commanding officer Cmdr. Nannette Roberts was quoted earlier this year in the weekly base newsletter as saying "The Mount Whitney is coming ... and will be converted to a [Military Sealift Command] USNS when she [sic] comes

Roberts later told Stars and Stripes that the statement was just the latest "rumor" for any pending changes.

Naval Forces Europe spokesman Capt. Gordon Hume wouldn't com-ment on the plans. The transfer of Mount Whitney to the Military Sealift Command would not be unique for a flagship. Last November, the 3rd Fleet flagship, USS Coronado, was decommissioned and transferred to the

An article written by sealift commander Vice Adm. David Brewer in December 2003 states that "... MSC has proffered proposals to the Chief of Naval Operations and the fleet to transfer ship operations of command ships, salvage ships, and submarine tenders to MSC. "As a proof of concept for MSC

ship operations of command ships, the CNO and Commander of Pacific Fleet agreed to transfer the [3rd] Fleet command ship, USS Coronado, to MSC in Nov. 2003," wrote Brewer in the on-line version of MSC's Sealift

The Military Sealift Command also may be looking to absorb the La Mad-dalena, Italy-based submarine tender USS Emory S. Land into its ranks, Brewer wrote

"MSC can also operate submarine tenders, essentially providing combat logistics, maintenance and repair services for submarines as we do al-ready for the surface fleets," wrote ready for the surface fleets," wrote Brewer in his December 2003 article.

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RAF bases, locals await realignment details



Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, commander of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe, says the realignment of the military overseas By RON JENSEN Stars and Stripes

RAF LAKENHEATH, England - Local governments in eastern England are waiting for details on the troop realignment that may - or may not - affect U.S. Air Force bases in Europe

"It's a question of the details, which still haven't emerged," said a spokesman for the Suffolk County emerged," said a spokesman for the Suffolk County Council, declining an offer to talk further on the topic.

The county is home to RAF Mildenhall, which is where the 100th Air Refueling Wing is based, and RAF Lakenheath, home of the 48th Fighter Wing. Together,

they have about 10,000 active-duty servicemembers.

A spokesman for U.S. Air Forces in Europe indicated in a news report this week that the impact on the command might be slight, which prompted the USAFE com-mander to add Thursday evening, "That doesn't mean

on't be changes Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong was at RAF Lakenheath to attend an awards ceremony for the Excalibur bombing competition held at the bas

Foglesong said the process should be given time to work. He said USAFE has provided European Com-mand with its suggestions. EUCOM will take the entire package to the civilian leadership in the Pentagon,

which then will go to the president. "We need to just be a little patient and let I the Office of the Secretary of Defense] go in with some recommendations," he said. He did not want to speculate on possi-

ble changes. The issue has boiled in the local press since before President Bush made his announcement Monday that he would realign the military footprint in Europe and

Asia. Stories have speculated for months about the future of the bases "I think any reduction in troops in Suffolk would have a major effect on the area," Gerald Taylor-Balls told the East Anglian Daily Times this week. He is a parish councilor in Mildenhall

The paper also reported denials by the Royal Air Force that it was trying to convince the Pentagon not to withdraw the F-15 jets at RAF Lakenheath. A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence told the newspaper "it is far too early" to talk about the impact of an American withdrawal.

Foglesong said allies would be consulted and kept informed as the decisions are made regarding the U.S. mil-

itary presence on this side of the Atlantic Ocean.
"We have too many really good friends over here to not do that," he said.

Local speculation about the future of the bases includes the planned expansion of London Stansted air-port 40 miles to the south. A new runway, due to be built by 2011, has met strident opposition and some have won-dered if a flight line abandoned by the United States

might be a substitute.

might be a substitute. But a group leading the fight against the expansion dismissed that possibility Friday morning. "While there might be a readily available runway, it might not be suitable for commercial air traffic," said Carol Barbone, spokeswoman for Stop Stansted Expansion. "We would not see this as a suitable solution

Foglesong said the U.S. Air Force presence in Europe is important for a variety of reasons. It provides fast rese to humanitarian problems in this part of the world, as well as ready access to combat operations.

Plus, he said, the training with allies is valuable. We seldom, if ever, go into an operation by our-

selves," he said But, he said, the best thing to do is wait for the answers that will come when the time is right.
"I feel comfortable in telling you these are decisions

that haven't been made," he said

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AAFES', NEX's school lunches to rise 10 cents

will not affect

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already in

By PATRICK DICKSON Stars and Stripes

For many, the price of a school lunch served in the Army and Air Force Exchange Service overseas school meal program will increase by 10 cents for the coming

The increase, the first in nine years, is needed to cover rising food, labor and transportation costs, according to an AAFES press release Middle school and high school

meals will climb to \$2.20. Elementa-Cost increases

meals will go up to \$2.05. Kristine Sturkie, a spokeswoman at Navy Exchange Service Command. said NEXCOM would follow suit for

their locations in

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place. Italy and Iceland. "Our prices will be going up as well, as with AAFES," Sturkie said Friday. AAFES reviews pricing annually to ensure the program is run-

ning on a break-even basis "Since AAFES does not generate any earnings from the school meal program, raising the prices is the only way to sustain the program," said Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost, AAFES commander.

The free, reduced price (40 cents) and breakfast meals, which constitute 40 percent of meals served in AAFES school cafeterias, will not be affected.

"Reduced prices and free meals are available to students whose families meet USDA income guidelines. The military services and AAFES do not set the criteria," Richard Sheff, AAFES Vice President of the Food and Theater Division said in the release. "Sponsors may purchase coupons for the USDA patterned meals at the AAFES PX/BX main store cashiers window.' AAFES provides school meals

to students on Army and Air installa-

Force tions in 10 countries throughout Europe and the Pacific. Each this program serves about 4.5 million lunches in 136 schools.

At many locations AAFES has implemented an automated school meal payment sys

tem. Parents complete an enrollment application, establish an account and the dependants use a pin number to pay for pattern meals. In addition to USDA pat-tern meals, AAFES School Cafeterias feature an assortment of

healthy menu alternatives.

AAFES School Meal Daily Menus are posted for review at www.aafes.com. In addition, parents and students can forward comments and suggestions on the Web site directly to the AAFES Staff Dietitian, Major John Ruibal

Ordnance team blows up suitcase

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy - A briefcase mistakenly left behind at the base fire station was blown up Friday morning by an Explosive Ordnance Disposal

Security forces closed off a large section of the base for about an hour while the incident was taking place. Authorities were called in after the silver briefcase was spotted on the outside of the building on a window sill and no one claimed responsibility for it. A robot operated by EOD members blew a hole in the brief case. Everything inside, including a portable DVD player, was destroyed.

Authorities eventually discovered it had been mistakenly left behind by a local national employee.



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Spangdahlem spouses promised support

Networking system, benefits created to help out while troops are deployed for four to six months

BY MARNI MCENTEE

Stars and Stripes

SPANGDAHLEM, Germany— Nearly one-fifth of Spangdahlem's troops are deploying for up to six months in the coming weeks, but base leaders promised Thursday that no family would be left behind.

At a town meeting in the base theater, leaders rolled out a well-organized support system that includes a spouses' network, German contacts in the community, special deals on base services and even a few luxuries such as a spa night and discounted day trips for families of deployed troops.

"No one in our wing goes through this deployment alone," 52nd Fighter Wing Commander Col. David Goldfein said.

Experts also walked families through the mountain of paper-work that must be done before a deployment, such as getting a power of attorney and a will, making sure the vehicle is registered, and registering with the American Red Cross in case of an emergency.

The support system falls under the Combat Care program, meant to give families the care and information they need during all phases of the deployment. Every spouse who attended got a Combat Care button that entitles them to all kinds of benefits, including:

- Going to the front of the line at the post office, base exchange
- Shopping early (9 a.m.) at the commissary.

and other facilities.

- Free oil changes up to \$21.95 and a car safety check at Army and Air Force Exchange Service garages.
- Five hours of free child care.
 Payment for some college course fees from the Air Force
- Deployed Family Days at the bowling alley, with half off all
- games and shoe rental.

 Ten percent discount on repairs at the auto skills center.
- Squadrons also have volunteers
 Squadrons also have volunteers
 work, minor household repairs
 and auto repair.

About 1,000 of the wing's airmen are deploying as part of the Aerospace Expeditionary Force rotation. Most will be gone for four months, but some high-demand troops could go for six months or more.

At the meeting Thursday, Denice Miller, whose husband Master Sgt. Christopher Miller is deploying with the 52nd Maintenance Squadron, said she's gone through the deployment separation a couple of times already.

new to Air Force life had been at the meeting.

"They missed a lot of good infor-

"They missed a lot of good information," Miller said.

All the information is still out there, though, Spouses can go to the family support center, their spouse's first sergeants, their chaplains and the key spouses who are clearinghouses for squadron information—at any time. Plus, the family support center will have at least three more briefings next week with smaller groups on base.

Goldfein said troops who remain at Spangdahlem aren't getting off the hook.

"They'll be working triple duty," to make up for the troops downrange, he said. He'll be monitoring services to maintain the highest standards possible, despite a reduced number of people to do the job, he said.

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Shari Nance fills out a form so she can stay in touch with other spouses when her husband, Tech. Sgt. Randy Nance, left, goes downrange. Nance, of Spangdahlem's 606th Air Control Squadron, is deploying in the next AEF rotation.

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Naples sailor charged with negligent homicide

BY KENDRA HELMER Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — Italian authorities have charged a U.S. sailor with negligent homicide in the Aug. 1 deaths of two Italians in a car accident.

It isn't known when Petty Officer 3rd Class Jason Ellerbe was formally charged, or when a hearing will take place, said Lt. Cmdr. Jacky Fisher, spokeswoman for Naval Support Activity Naples.

The Italian authorities also issued Ellerbe traffic citations for driving under the influence, speeding, and driving without a license for the accident on the Tangenziale, the main highway through Naples.

Italian news reports said the two Italian men, ages 21 and 19 from a Naples suburb, had gotten out of their vehicle in the Camaldoli tunnel at about 5:15 a.m.

News reports differed on whether there was a problem with their vehicle or whether they had been involved in an earlier accident.

It also isn't clear whether Ellerbe's 2004 Volkswagen Jetta hit the two men, or if his Jetta struck their car and it hit the men. Ellerbe was traveling alone.

Ellerbe, 26, from Washington, D.C., is a master-at-arms with the security department.

He received minor injuries in the accident and was turned over to the base, where he is in U.S. military custody at Capodichino. He is not allowed to leave the base, Fisher said.

"If the Italian authorities request [Ellerbe to be turned over to them], then the U.S. military would do it," she said.

If convicted, Ellerbe faces one to five years in prison.

The incident was the second fatal accident this summer involving a sailor from Naples. On June 12, three Naples sailors were killed and two seriously injured in a fiery car accident.

The U.S. military in Naples has since taken measures to keep sailors off the roads in the early-morning hours on weekends, including running shuttle buses to downtown areas.

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Kerry pushes for life health care

Tom Philpott

f John Kerry has his way, any veteran who served two years on active duty or, if mobilized, even less, would be rewarded with lifetime access to health care from Department of Veterans Af-

That's the logical consequence of Kerry's call for "full, mandato-ry funding" of veterans health care, if the Dem-

ocratic presidential nominee is elected and Congress accepts his plan to open VA health care to

any veteran. "What's critical is that people who served their

country and want to go to a veterans' hospital will have the ability to choose to do so," said Kerry, in a Wednesday phone interview after his address to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Cincinnati.

The Bush administration of poses mandatory funding of VA health care. It would require Congress to finance VA health care to a level sufficient to cover medical needs of all enrollees, using a per capita cost formula. Mandatory funding, in effect,

would put teeth into the Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996 which first au thorized the opening of VA health care to any veteran. But Congress did not fund open access. Instead it gave the VA secretary authority to control access in order to stay on budget

The Congressional Budget Of-fice estimates the added cost of mandatory VA health funding at \$30 billion in fiscal 2005 and more than \$165 billion from 2005 through 2008. That assumes many more veterans will enroll upon learning that VA funding is sured. Current enrollment is 7 million veterans but only 5.2 million were expected to receive care in 2004

As conceived by Kerry and congressional Democrats, mandatory funding also would re-move barriers to enrollment, which would mean reversing a decision by VA Secretary Anthony Principi in January 2003 to suspend enrollment of Category 8 veterans - those with income or total worth above poverty level and no service-connected injuries or ailments

Principi said not only would mandatory funding add many bil-lions of dollars to VA health care costs but it would dampen VA and congressional oversight of health care spending by relying on a formula.

'We have a responsibility to the American people to ... be effi-

cient, effective and to provide high-quality care," said Principi. nigh-quanty care," said Frincipi.
Principi said mandatory funding could change the VA from a
provider of health care to a
"payer" for health care, and
bring "serious unintended conse-

quences." VA already "vouchers out" a rising portion of care because VA hospitals clinics can't meet demand. Mandafunding tory funding would accelerate

this growth, though contracting for care is preferred to building more hospi-tals and clinics which, by 2020, could be deemed excess as veter ans from World War II and

Korea pass on. Principi's concern is that as more care is contracted out, the VA could begin to look like any national health care system, and pressure would mount to merge perhaps with Medicare. If that happened, he said, the unique-ness of VA health care, from expertise in treating spinal cord injuries to vast experience with posttraumatic stress disorder, could be lost.

Kerry, in his VFW speech, promised to "lead the fight" for mandatory funding, referring to 500,000 veterans denied enrollment from the ban on accepting more Category 8 veterans. Later, in our brief conversation. Kerry didn't balk at the prospect of lifetime care going to veterans with little time in service and no exposure to combat or service-con-

nected ailments. "I have a plan that's going to provide health care to 97 percent of Americans within three years of the passage of the bill," said Kerry. "So it is absolutely logical that veterans should be a priority within that structure

In his speech, he criticized Bush administration proposals to collect a \$250 annual health care enrollment fee for veterans with no service-connected conditions and above-poverty incomes, and to increase their co-payments on VA-provided drugs, from \$7 up

to \$15 for a 30-day supply.

Principi defended the proposed enrollment fee and higher co-payments, calling them reale cost-control initiatives.

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Bombing and bonding in Britain

Squadrons gather at RÂF Lakenheath for Excalibur competition

BY RON JENSEN Stars and Stripes

RAF LAKENHEATH, England - The tone for the Excalibombing competition awards ceremony Thursday was set when Brig. Gen. Mark T. Matthews, who commands the F-15s of the 48th Fighter Wing, introduced his boss

He made a joke at the expense of the F-15 Falcon, which happens to be the airplane flown and loved by Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

As Foglesong took the microphone, he deadpanned, "Thank vou. Lt. Matthews."

The entire awards ceremony, held at the Eagles' Landing officers club at RAF Lakenheath. was a festival of jokes and good-natured ribbing from guys known by names such as Smokin' and Tater.

This seemed to please Foglesong, who said the competition, which he decided to resurrect barely two months ago, was as much about bonding as bomb-

"This ought to be a fun thing," he said before the ceremony, which ended the two-day affair

Squadrons from Aviano Air Base, Italy and Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, joined with those from RAF Lakenheath, and two from the Royal Air Force to test their skills against each other at two training ranges in England. They were judged on accuracy, but also how well they stayed within given parameters as they dropped dummy bombs on a target.

The Top Gun crew was Capt. Ben "Thor" Heslin and 1st Lt. Mike "Trapper" Kelly from the 492nd Fighter Squadron at RAF Lakenheath. The top wing was the 31st Fighter Wing at Aviano, and the top flight was from the 510th Fighter Squadron at Avi-

But Foglesong said everyone in the room was a winner in his

"This should be about aviators getting together with their maintainers and doing what we do best," he said from the podium in Eagles' Landing.

Before the ceremony, he said in an interview that the event was also good training.

"It's not war, but it's not every day training, either," he said.



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Capt. Ben Heslin, an F-15E Strike Eagle pilot with the 492nd Fighter Squadron at RAF Lakenheath, England, accepts an award for his performance in the Excalibur bombing competition Thursday from Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong.

"It's bumped up the adrena-

After the ceremony, Heslin, who is a pilot of an F-15E Strike Eagle, said, "It's something we took seriously

But, he said, the best part of the event might be the chance for fighter pilots from various squadrons throughout USAFE to meet and exchange ideas and ex-

Maj. Clinton Mixon, chief of programs for USAFE.

"That is a big part of it," he said. "Even though we are one command, we are geographically separated."

Foglesong's hope is that the competition will become a staple in the USAFE schedule and will include aircraft from various European allies.

Next year, we hope to expand the envelope a little more," he said



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IN THE WORLD

Bombs target election workers in Afghanistan

By NOOR KHAN The Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan - A series of bombs went off at a U.N. voter registration office in western Afghanistan injuring six Afghan police, setting vehicles ablaze and shattering windows, police and the United Nations said Friday, the latest in a string of attacks targeting election workers.

The blasts occurred at 8 p.m. Thursday at a voter registration site in Farah City, near the border with Iran and 465 miles southwest of the capital, Kabul, said Mohammed Rasool Khan, the deputy police chief for the province

U.N. spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva said there were six explosions in all He said there were three international U.N. staffers at the site at the time, and none were injured.

The U.N. staffers had finished most voter registration work in the province and were to be moved to Herat, the province directly north of Farah.

"There were no casualties [to U.N. work ers], but there was damage to the building and vehicles," de Almeida e Silva said. "This confirms the concerns we have rehe said, adding that the United Nations welcomed a decision by NATO to beef up its peacekeeping force ahead of the Oct. 9

"The sooner they get here the better," de Almeida e Silva said.

Khan said one bomb went off at the perimeter of the site, near a group of Afghan police who were standing guard.

Six injured police were being treated at a hospital in the city, some with serious in-

The other blast went off inside the compound, damaging five vehicles and blowing out several windows

Police have detained four security guards, two Afghans working for the United Nations, and a U.N. security guard for questioning

It was unclear who was behind the at-

Taliban militants have been blamed for a series of attacks on workers preparing the country for its first presidential vote. Scores of election workers and civilians have been killed in the attacks

Still, U.N. officials say some violence in



Afghan National Army soldiers arrive at Shindand Airport in Herat province, about 370 miles west of Kabul, Afghanistan. The government sent U.S.-trained troops to western Afghanistan to bolster security for national elections

Farah and other provinces has been over drug-smuggling and other turf wars

In other violence, militants attacked a nolice post in central Ghzani province, killing one officer and injuring two others, state television reported Friday.

Three militants and a civilian caught in the crossfire also died in the fighting Thursday in Rahman, a village 100 miles south of

Associated Press correspondent Paul Haven in Kabul, Afghanistan contributed to this report.

suffering high suicide rate

By AIKO HAYASHI The Associated Press

TOKYO - Suicides are surging this year among Japan's increasingly active military and have hit a record nace that outstrips the national rate, the Defense Agency said.

In the first four months of this fiscal year, which began in April, 31 members of the Self-Defense Forces killed themselves, a spokesperson for the Defense Agency said Thursday.

If the trend continues, the military would suffer 93 suicides for the year, with an annual rate of 39 suicides per 100,000 soldiers far above the rate of 27 suicides per 100,000 reported in fiscal 2003 in the general population.

The highest number of suicides among Japanese soldiers in one year so far is 78 in 2002. The Self-Defense Forces has 235,899 members.

Suicides in Japan in general hit an all-time high last year at 34.427, the National Police Agency reported last month. The trend was blamed on health and financial troubles

The increase in military suicides comes as Japan has deployed troops on a humanitarian mission to Iraq, the first time Japanese soldiers have gone to a com-bat zone since the end of World War II. The Defense Agency spokesper-

son refused to comment on the reasons for the increase or release details such as the locations of the deaths.

Japan military U.N. tribunal seeking to get Milosevic trial back on track

BY ANTHONY DEUTSCH The Associated Press

HAGUE, Netherlands Milosevic spent another birthday in U.N. custody Friday, his war crimes trial at a standstill because of his fragile health and his judges facing a critical dilemma on how to proceed.

Should they allow the former Yugoslav president

to continue defending himself, despite months of delays? Or should they impose a defense lawyer against his will? The ruling, possibly later this month, not only marks a crucial juncture in the Milosevic case, but could set a

precedent for other international trials, such as former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's, experts say

Two and a half years and 296 witnesses on, Milosevic's trial hasn't vet reached the halfway mark. It has been six months since the court handled the substance of the case - 66 counts war crimes stemming from the Balkan wars of the 1990s, in-cluding genocide for the July 1995 Srebrenica massacre of

Bosnian Muslims. Since February, when the prosecution ended its case, the tribunal has held several hearings only on Milosevic's health problems and has postponed the

start of the defense case five times. It is now scheduled to begin Aug. 31. Milosevic's brother, Borislav, told the Serbian daily Vecernje Novosti last week his brother is feeling better and hopes the trial will resume as

"Mr. Milosevic has been waiting for three years to be given the opportunity to present his case before the court, to bring his witnesses to the stand as well as to present the defense evidence," his Belgrade legal assistant, Zdenko Tomanovic, told The Associated Press. "Mr. Milosevic will himself certainly refuse to accept any defense counsel."

Milosevic, who turned 63, received birthday greetings from his Socialist Party on Thursday, which wished him victory against The Hague tribunal "in the interest of the Serb people." He no longer has family visits, since both his wife Miriana and son Marko have become fugitives from Serbian authorities, and are believed hiding in Russia

Though he rejects the legitimacy of the U.N. tribuosevic has spent months preparing his defense. So far, he has been too sick to present it. Although he has not often appeared ill during his

vigorous courtroom questioning of witnesses, Milosevic's doctors say he is suffering the effects of high blood pressure which put him at risk of a heart attack, especially when fatigued or stressed.

The three judges are debating a complete over-

haul of the case and have ordered a series of medical examinations to determine if he is physically fit to conduct his defense — or even to stand trial One course of action under consideration is to

split the trial into three separate cases -Bosnia and Kosovo — to increase the likelihood that at least one can be completed.

Milosevic's supporters and legal assistants insist the court must uphold the right of self defense, re-gardless of the possible scheduling setbacks. But international law experts argued the tribunal already has accommodated Milosevic too greatly, and must now impose a lawyer who can put proceedings back

The most likely candidate is Steven Kay, appointed as an observer or "friend of the court" to ensure fair proceedings. Kay co-authored a submission to the trial chamber earlier this month warning that forcing Milosevic to work with a lawyer could back-

The imposition of unwanted counsel upon an unwilling defendant who refuses to cooperate may in fact lead to increased stress for the defendant who continues to assert his right to self-representation, the Aug. 6 brief said.

He must be free to chose self-representation 'even if he knowingly risks his own health in the process. That choice cannot be taken from him," it said Not so, say several renowned international law and war crimes experts.

"There is no question but that the judges in the Milosevic case should now impose defense coun-sel," said Michael Scharf, director of the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

24-hour Eurostar strike

I.ONDON - Workers at Eurostar will stage a 24-hour strike during this month's three-day public holiday in Britain as part of a row over pay, the Rail and Maritime and Transport union said Friday.

The union announced the strike for Aug. 28, at the start of the bank holiday weekend. It is seeking equal pay for customer service agents and platform staff at Eurostar's Ashford terminal in Kent, who it says earn \$7,200 at London's central Waterloo sta-

It is also objecting to what it claims are low starting salaries for other staff at the company.

Collection for sale

BERLIN - Some 170 items that belonged to Erich Mielke. the longtime head of former East Germany's secret police, are going on auction, including dozens of medals for his service in the cause of Communism and a portrait of the Soviet KGB's founder.

Auctioneer Carsten Zeige said he hopes the collection will fetch Hamburg.

Mielke, who the led the dreaded Stasi secret police for three decades until the Berlin Wall fell died in 2000 at age 92

Near-miss in skies

LISBON, Portugal - A TAP Air Portugal jetliner dived sharply to avoid an air collision with a smaller aircraft near the Azores Islands on Friday, injuring 31 passengers and two crew, the company said.

None of the injuries was said to be serious.

From The Associated Press

IN THE STATES

Kennedy grounded by terror list confusion

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A top Homeland Security official has apologized to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, who was stopped at airports because a name similar to his appeared on a watch list of people considered dangers to fly.

The Massachusetts Democrat said he was stopped by airline personnel five times as he tried to get on US Airways shuttles between Washington and Boston

"If they have that kind of difficulty with a member of Congress, how in the world are average Americans, who are getting caught up in this thing, how are they going to be treated fairly and not have their rights abused?" Kennedy asked Homeland Security undersecretary Asa Hutchinson at a hearing Thursday.

Hutchinson, who apologized for any inconvenience to the senator, testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on the

Senator stopped in airports because of similar name on watch list

need for the federal government to take over the watch lists, which are currently administered by the airlines.

Another prominent Democratic member Congress. Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, said Friday that he also has been singled out for extra scrutiny when he flies because someone on a watch list has the same name. Lewis said he can't get an electronic ticket, must



tion and has his luggage checked by hand. Lewis said one airline representative in Atlanta told him. "Once you're on the list. there's no way to get off it." Lewis said he filed a complaint with the Department of Homeland Security and even considered a

This week. Lewis got a call from another John Lewis - a faculty member at the University of Houston — who told him he also had encountered problems at airports because of his name.

"It's weird," the professor said. "But I like being classed with Ted Kennedy and the congressman. It makes me feel more important."

Kennedy said he was stopped at airports in Washington, D.C., and Boston three times in March. Airline agents told him he would not be sold a ticket because his name was on a list.

When he asked the agent why, he was told, "We can't tell you."

Each time, a supervisor recognized Kennedy and got him on the flight. But after the third incident. Kennedy's staff

called the Transportation Security Administration and asked to clear up the confu-

The TSA said a name similar to Kennedy's was on the watch list, and that he was later flagged to go through addition-

al screening. TSA also said that the airlines didn't handle the matter properly.

after contacting TSA, But twice Kennedy was stopped again at the airline counter. The American Civil Liberties Union has

filed lawsuits in San Francisco and Seattle over this issue, demanding that the government explain how wrongly flagged travelers can get off the lists. Hutchinson said that people who experi-

ence problems can call the TSA ombudsman to clear things up.

Associated Press writer Jeffrey McMurray contributed to this story.

Trio of suspected Hamas members indicted by U.S. for raising terror funds

Hamas has

been blamed

for dozens of

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bombings in

Israel.

BY TED BRIDIS The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A Hamas leader and two other suspected members of the Palestinian militant group were indicted on charges they participated in a lengthy racketeering conspiracy to provide money for terrorist acts in Israel, Attorney General John Ashcroft announced Friday.

The three activists allegedly used bank accounts in the United States to launder

to support U.S. government has designated as a terrorist organization. The indictment against the three, filed in Chicago. was unsealed Friday.

millions of dollars

The activists include Mousa Mo-

hammed Abu Marzook, formerly chief and now deputy chief of the Hamas political bureau. Abu Marzook is believed to be living in Damascus, Syria, and is considered a fugitive, Ashcroft told a news conference at the Justice

The two others - Muhammad Hamid Khalil Salah of Chicago and Abdelhaleem Hasan Abdelrazig Ashgar of Alexandria, Va. were arrested late Thursday night. Salah once worked as a sub stitute teacher in Chicago public

The lawyer for Ashgar, Ashraf Nubani, called the indictment "politically motivated." He noted that Ashgar already was under home arrest stemming from an earlier indictment on charges of obstruction of justice and said Ashqar has appeared at every required court hearing

Federal prosecutor Neil Hammerstrom said the latest indictment includes charges "far more serious" against Ashqar than he originally had faced.

It was the second major Hamas-related indictment announced by the Justice Department in the past month. The three were charged with

racketeering conspiracy for allegedly joining with 20 others since at least 1988 to conduct business for Hamas, which

the government said included conspiracies to commit murder, kidnapping, passport fraud and other crimes.

Hamas been blamed for dozens of suicide bombings in Isra-

Ashcroft said the three men "allegedly ran a U.S.-based terrorist and financing cell" associated with Hamas

They "were indicted for their roles in 15-year racketing conspir-acy in the U.S. and abroad. The cell allegedly financed the activities of a terrorist organization that was murdering innocent victims abroad including American citizens" he said

He said the three played "a substantial role in financing and supporting international terrorism

The U.S.-educated Abu Marzook holds a Ph.D. in industrial engineering and lived in the United States for 15 years, in Louisi-ana and Virginia. In 1995, he was detained by U.S. authorities on suspicion of involvement in terrorism. He was expelled to Jordan, and later sent by Jordan to



Flames shoot up Friday at natural gas storage facility in Moss Bluff, Texas. An explosion rocked an underground gas storage facility early Friday, forcing authorities to expand the number of people evacuated from around the blaze that continued burning a day after an initial blast triggered by leaking gas.

Second Texas gas blast leads to expanded evacuation

MOSS BLUFF, Texas - A second explosion in less than 24 hours rocked a burning underground gas storage facility early Friday, prompting authorities to expand an evacuation zone around the site.

The fire at Duke Energy's Moss Bluff natural gas facility intensi-fied overnight, an official said. The second explosion was reported at miles away, witnesses said. No injuries were reported.

Authorities had decided to let the fire ignited in the first explosion Thursday burn itself out, a pro-cess they said would take several days. The explosion was blamed on leaking gas

The second explosion Friday morning happened because the fire caused a valve to give way on top of the storage cavern, said Danny Gibbs, a spokesman for Charlotte, N.C.-based Duke Ener-

Everyone within a three-mile radius of the facility was being evacuated, and additional shelters were being set up, authorities said

Authorities called in experts at capping blown-out wells to examine how to cool down and control

Bush spends big in July

WASHINGTON - A fresh wave of ads pushed President Bush's spending to nearly \$46 million for July, the Republican's highest level since he launched the first ad blitz of his re-election cam paign in March, a campaign finance report filed Friday shows.

About \$38 million of Bush's July spending went to admaking. Ads have been Bush's single biggest campaign expense, accounting for roughly \$116 million of his campaign's \$209 million in spending.

Mailings and related costs accounted for at least \$30 million, followed by staff, consultants and related costs, at least \$16 million

The Bush campaign raised \$14 million in July, about as much as it has been taking in each month since it stopped holding fund-raising events in April. Bush took in a record \$242 million from the official start of his campaign in May 2003 through last month. He started August with \$32.5 million left

and about \$458,000 in bills to pay. As Democratic rival John Kerry did, Bush is ex-

pected to accept \$75 million in full government financing for his general-election campaign. That means once he is nominated by his party, he can no longer spend private donations on campaign expenses, though he can continue raising them to

cover legal and accounting costs.

Kerry was expected to file his monthly report to the Federal Election Commission later Friday. His campaign has said he raised more than \$203 million as of July 20.

From The Associated Press

Veterinarians help fuzziest victims of **Hurricane Charley**

The Associated Press

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. - Animal rescue after Hurricane Charley hasn't just been a matter of helping storm victims with their dogs and cats. Far from it.

Since teams of animal disaster specialists began arriving here Sunday, they've had their hands full with calls involving lions, goats, parrots and macaws, a days-old squirrel, baby raccoons, cows, horses, a ferret, llamas and

"A to Z," said Laura Bevan, di-rector of The Humane Society's southeast regional office in Tallahassee. "If we haven't seen it yet, we'll probably see it before we That's on top of the dozens of dogs and cats that have been brought in for care or a temporary home. Hundreds have been sent to shelters in counties outside the disaster area and if not reunited with their owners will be put up for adoption

Bevan is among 100 people taking part in the animal emergency response, which includes local state and federal help.

People are driving through neighborhoods trying to find pet owners in need, delivering pet food, making rescue calls, providing emergency veterinary and kennel services and setting up three stations to take in and provide care for animals.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has even



Melissa Forberg of Defunkiak Springs, Fla., left, assists veterinarian Welch Agnew of the Pinellas County Animal Services with a stray puppy. The dog was dropped off at the animal rescue facility on Tuesday afternoon in Punta Gorda. Fla. The facility takes in animals that were found wandering after Hurricane Charley.

brought in 35 veterinarians from as far away as Ohio, Utah, Oklahoma and elsewhere to treat animals in the 25 counties declared federal disaster areas.

At a compound set up next to a baseball field, Lloyd Brown held un a 2-month-old raccoon rescued after Charley hit Friday and fed it through a syringe. The tiny raccoon lapped at the milky liquid with its paws spread out and eves like black BBs staring at Brown.

Brown put it in a crate with its sibling, then picked up a hairless animal with a tiny tail and bulging eves, lids still shut tight. It was smaller than Brown's pinky and not easily recognizable to a non-animal expert.

"You didn't get enough, huh?" Brown said when the squirrel squirmed for more food. It was born right around the same time

Just after he finished feeding the wild animals, a group that also includes two small doves. Brown jumped in his truck to respond to a call seeking help for dozens of birds.

He arrived at the home of Rich Naegeli, who was the first zoo director at Busch Gardens in Tampa. He found 60 exotic birds, from parrots and macaws to a pair of rare Australian slender bill corellas - white with orange necks. Naegeli and his wife, Dolly

didn't want the animals removed from the property, but they need-ed help. Their electricity has been out for four days and they can't pump water from their well for the animals — or for themselves and their daughter and grandson. Brown tried and failed to hook

the roaring generator up to the water pump as the parrots and macaws screeched loudly. He offered advice on finding an electrician, saving that would be the

best solution "If you don't get the pump working, let us know and we'll get you water," Brown said.

Kip Rhoten rode out Charley in Rip Rnoten rode our Charley in his bathroom with his two dogs, Storm and Thunder. Storm howled as the winds whooshed outside and Thunder panted heavily. All survived in good shape and Rhoten's house made it through with only minor damage.

But the day after the storm, the logs were in the backyard while Rhoten was away and someone came by and opened the gates He was at the station seeking help finding them. A volunteer took down descriptions of the dogs and offered to help print and distribute fliers.

'I keep my fingers crossed," Rhoten said, adding that he would have rather have had more of his home damaged than lose his

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Reporters found in contempt in Wen Ho Lee litigation case BY HOPE YEN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A judge's decision to punish five reporters for refusing to identify their sources for stories about nuclear scientist Wen Ho Lee threatens to chill vital newsgathering at a time of increased government secrecy, advocates say.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson on Wednesday held the reporters in contempt and fined each of them \$500 a day until they reveal their source. He said the information was needed for Lee, a former nuclear weapons scientist once suspected of spying, to litigate his privacy lawsuit against government officials. Jackson said the fines would be

suspended pending appeals. Attorneys for the journalists said they would appeal.

It is the second time in two weeks that a federal judge in Washington has found journalists in contempt of court after they de-clined to disclose sources. Last

week, a Time magazine reporter was held in contempt as part of a grand jury probe into the leak of an undercover CIA officer's iden-

The threat to First Amendment rights that's going on this summer is unprecedented," Lucy Dalglish executive director of the Reporters Committee for the Freedom of the Press, said. "We have reporters being subpoe-naed. We have judges issuing ille-

gal prior restraints on the media." Jackson imposed the fine on Associated Press reporter H. Josef Hebert; James Risen and Jeff Gerth of The New York Times; Robert Drogin of the Los Angeles Times; and Pierre Thomas of ABC, who was at CNN when the stories were done.

Jackson avoided addressing the question of First Amendment rights, focusing more narrowly

on whether the reporters com-plied with his October order to fully answer questions in depositions about their sources. He found they did not.

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YOUR MONEY

Z-CoiL shoes spring forward to consumers

BY DAN THANH DANG

If Al Gallegos has his way, every man, woman and child will one day walk with a spring in their steps and a satisfied smile on their faces.

The spring will come attached to the heel of a strange, space age-looking shoe Gallegos wants to sell you. And the smile, well, that will come once you put on the shoe, says the 73-year-old inventor of the Z-Coil line of pain-relief footwear.

Z-Coils first hit the shelves four years ago in New Mexico, and since then the shoes have become something of a cult item. They're only sold through authorized dealers, and targeted toward people with painful leg, foot and back problems. About 350,000 pairs of the shoes have been sold to date, a relative drop in the footween market.

So worry not, Reebok and Nike At least for now.

But at last count, there were 227 Z-Coil. dealers in 39 states, Puerto Rico, Mexico and Canada, and the company's goal is to open 1,000 stores. The shoes have been featured in major publications, studied by two research laboratories and recommended by the Arthritis Foundation's magazine.

"It's a dream come true after such a long time and so much work," says Gallegos. "We knew our product was good, but we didn't think people would cotton to it the way that they have. When I visit these stores, people hug me up and tell me what a huge difference my shoes have made in their lives. I'm constantly surprised when I'm traveling around and I see people wearing them. "I just want to get a shoe on the

"I just want to get a shoe on the next person and make them feel good," says Gallegos, a distance runner who claims to sprint a 5½-minute mile in his Z-CoiLs.

To make it simple for Z-CoiL newbies: Yes, they are funny-looking. But they come in different styles including sandals, sneakers, hiking boots, clogs or work boots.

Yes, they do make you bounce. Like walking on a trampoline.

No, they can't cover the coil to make the shoe pretter. Well, yes, they can. (There is a closed-heel boot, with a steel toe, for construction workers who don't want the steel spring to accidentally catch the rung of a ladder.) But covering the coil lessens its ability to compress and expand, allowing it to absorb the impact on your body as you walk, run or hike.

No, they don't do any advertising. Z-CoiLs are sold by word-of-mouth and dealers will often go to hospital and nursing fairs to demonstrate the shoes for potential customers.

Yes, they are a bit pricey, between \$13.99 to \$17.95 depending on the style. But, really, what price, pain? Or rather, to be pain-free? An estimated 75 percent of Americans will experience foot health problems of varying degrees of severity at one time or another in their lives, according to the American Podiatric Medical Association.

Gallegos and Z-CoiL devotees say the footwear helps people suffering from such ailments as heel



THE BALTIMORE SUN, LLOYD FOX/LATWE

Al Gallegos, founder and inventor of Z-CoiL, shows off the shoe with the spring in the heel. The unique design provides pain relief for people with foot, leg and back problems, Gallegos says.

spurs and plantar fasciitis, a painful inflammation to the bottom of the foot. Additionally, Gallegos says, sufferers of lower back pain, arthritis and knee problems have also found relief with the shoe.

He himself has suffered from various foot, knee and back pains and first thought of using springs in shoes while out running his typical seven miles one day. His thought was that every car, from economy to luxury vehicles, uses shock absorbers to take a beating while passengers sit smoothly in their seats. Why not use the same simple technology in footwear? What he came up with was a 3-inch conical coil steel spring, a rigid orthotic mold to support the arch and plenty of cushioning to surround the foot. The longtime shoe store owner then had a local butcher cut the soles of some shoes

and then glued the coil to the heel.

The end product looked like one of Wile E. Coyote's hare-brained schemes to catch the elusive Road Runner.

Manufacturers and the shoe in-

Manufacturers and the shoe industry reacted to it in similar fashion. Some laughed. Some derided the effort. Many doubted its success. It took Gallegos five years to get a patent for the idea and then another couple years, with his son, Andres, to find a manufacturer to make the shoes.

Last year, the privately-held company posted net record sales of \$6.3 million and net income of \$1.2 million. a s really taking off," Gallegos said. "They make people feel good." Deborah Brackens, a nurse for

Deborah Brackens, a nurse for 26 years, says the shoe has eased her aches and pains.

"I have osteoarthritis," says Brackens. "If you're a nurse, you're walking on concrete floor or linoleum all day. By the end of the day, your feet are tired and you're tired. For me, they lessen the pain on my hips. If you're trying to preserve your bones and ioints these are great."

It might be awhile before the word gets out. A spokeswoman at the giant shoe retailer Nike Inc. said they've never heard of

Z-CoiLs.
That's fine by Gallegos and company. His shoes are popular

company. His shoes are popular among police officers, nurses, retailers and real estate agents—anyone who works on their feet—and there are plenty of those customers around.

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INTEREST RATES

Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Consolidation pros, cons

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — Most recent college graduates still are years away from having to start repaying their student loans.

But before you put student loan payments into your budget — and before panicking over your debt — weigh the pros and cons of consolidating your loan. So writes Brian O'Connell in his new book, "Free Yourself From Student Loan Debt."

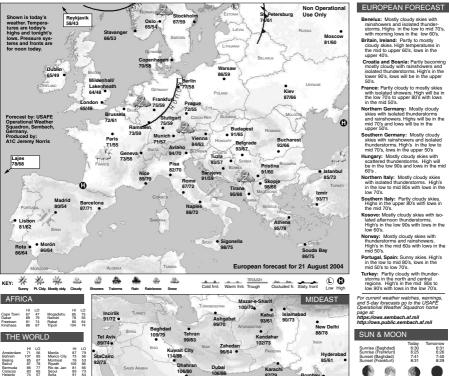
- The pros of consolidation:
- Immediate debt relief.
- Easy payments.
 Payment incentives
- Prepay. Many lenders allow

you to pay off your loan early — without penalties.

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 Tax-deductibility.
- Cons of consolidation:
- Long-term cost. Although your monthly payments are lower, you make more of them,
- and over a longer period of time.

 Loss of privileges. You may not be able to defer payment, or to cancel your loan.
- Fixed interest rates. If interest rates decline, you're stuck with the rate you consolidated under.
- No grace period. Many consolidated loans require you to start paying as soon as your consolidation application is processed.



Benelux: Mostly cloudy skies with rainshowers and isolated thunder-storms. Highs in the low to mid 70's,

with morning lows in the low 60's. Britain, Ireland: Partly to mostly

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France: Partly cloudy to mostly skies with isolated showers. High will be in the low 70's to upper 80's with lows

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy skies with isolated thunderstorms and rainshowers. Highs will be in the mid 70's and lows will be in the upper 50's.

Hungary: Mostly cloudy skies with scattered thunderstorms. High will be in the low 90s and lows in the mid

Northern Italy: Mostly cloudy skies with isolated thunderstorms. High's in the low to mid 80s with lows in the

Southern Italy: Partly cloudy skies. Highs in the upper 80's with lows in

lated afternoon thunderstorms. High's in the low 90s with lows in the

Portugal, Spain: Sunny skies. High's in the low to mid 80's. lows in the

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Criminals ante up

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Education grants

DC WASHINGTON — Congress is offering up to five grants of \$1 million to charter schools willing to locate in troubled areas of the city. Census figures show families often move to suburban Virginia or Maryland to find successful schools for their children, said sem. Mary Landrieu, D-La. She said the goal is to bring more quality schools to D.C.

they can't afford a bondsman's ser-

Rocky Flats dispute

DENVER — State and federal agencies are asking to see the sealed files of a grand jury that investigated alleged environmental crimes at the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant after an advocacy group said cleanup plans for the site were dangerously incomplete.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Energy and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will request the files from U.S. Attorney John Suthers, spokesmen for the agencies said Thursday.

Sibling summer camp

WE WATERFORD — Maine is known for its many summer camps, but there's only one like Camp to Belong, which reunites siblings who've been separated and placed in foster homes.

The camp, operated by the Maine Health and Human Services Department, features traditional activities like hiking, kayaking and water-skiing. Campers also make scrapbooks, travel pillows and keepsakes for their siblings.

"We feel lucky to have this opportunity," said 16-year-old Ashta Mercer, who has been living in a foster home in Brownville while her sister, Heather Flagg, 12, lives in Auburn.

Dangerous waste rock

NM QUESTA—Molycorp mining company began stabilizing a giant pile of waste rock from the company's molybdenum mine.

Experts said the waste could threaten Questa if it collapsed in heavy rain. The work was ordered by the state and is slated to be finished next summer. It involves removing 1 million cubic yards of rock from the top of the 450- to 600-foot pile.

Lying lawyer

HUNTSVILLE — A judge sentenced a former Frank-lin County district attorney to six months in federal prison for lying about what prosecutors said was a scheme to extort money from defendants in criminal cases. Prose-



cutors said John Pilati, 38, recommended reduced charges or lighter er sentences for people who agreed to pay his office. The money went into an account used mainly for office expenses but also provided a monthly stipend and new car for Pilati.

Check before you rob

PA MOUNT HOLLY SPRINGS — A man accused of handing a bank teller a note demanding money written on one of his own checks will be tried in Cumberland County Court on charges in the Aug. 12 robbery, a district justice ruled.

The teller identified Gerald Rohrer Jr., 32, of Newville, in court Wednesday as the man who handed her the note at the M&T Bank in South Middleton Township and left with \$500.

Police arrested Rohrer after tracing the check and said he confessed, telling investigators he spent most of the money buying crack cocaine.

Tragic accident

ANSON — Five people, including three children, were killed after an 18-year-old driver lost control of her car in West Texas and plowed into their van.

Sara Ontiveros was driving south on U.S. 83 at a high rate of



Big 'Fat' dog

Darrell Butler of Eatontown, N.J., poses at the R.U. Grill and Pizza in New Brunswick, N.J. with a "Fat Darrell," a sandwich he created when he was at Rutgers University in 1997. speed Sunday when she lost control of her car around a curve, said Amy Stewart, a Texas Department of Public Safety communications operator. Ontiveros' car veered into the northbound lane and struck the van.

Ontiveros, of Pampa, was killed along with four of the van's five occupants, all of whom were from Liberal,

Two-year-old Jaclyn Soliz, who was riding in Ontiveros' car, was in fair condition Monday at the hospital. Brown said.

Go to class for cash

MO KANSAS CITY — Kids who hit the books this summer in Kansas will soon be able to hit the mall with some extra spending money.

Students who maintained at least a C average in summer school will receive Visa gift cards this week, along with those who rarely or never missed a day of school. The gift cards are valued as high as \$150.

Some education experts are skeptical of the incentive program, but the district has seen summer school enrollment rise, attendance improve and state funding increase.

River recordings

mounting 25 video cameras on the two Mississippi River bridges that two Mississippi River bridges that carry interstate highway traffic between Memphis and Arkansas. The S5 million project aims to improve safety. At least nine people have been killed on the 1-40 bridge since 1997 in crashes involving stalled vehicles.

Primary protest

EAST CHICAGO — Mayor Robert Pastrick asked the Indiana Supreme Court for a rehearing on its decision ordering a new Democratic mayoral primary. Pastrick won the May 2003 primary by 278 votes and then easily won the general election. The Supreme Court on Aug. 6 ordered a new election, saying the primary was rife with corruption.

Screwy switch

LAS VEGAS — It was not a terrorist plot aimed at frustrating motorists into stomping on their keyless-entry remote devices or ripping car alarms from their vehicles.

It was not sunspots playing havoc with atmospheric conditions, nor Las Vegas' blistering climate nor even little green men from Mars — though some pondered that the failure of the devices that lock and unlock car doors from a distance could have been caused by extraterrestrials.

Nope. The problem turned out to be just a broken switch.

A team including two Michigan-based Ford Motor Co. engineers came to Las Vegas this month to find what caused the domino-size devices used by thousands of people in the area to stop working in February and sporadically since then. They found the source in a faulty radio signal repeater atop a mountain.



Concrete art Alina Karukina of Boston works on a chalk art creation on the sidewalk outside FleetBoston Financial headquarters in Boston.



A brain on wheels

Spencer Tofts, 10, rides his bicycle
oround a cul-de-sea this subdivision in
North Star, Del, By next spring, Spencer will have polished off the highest
advanced placement calculus and physics courses through his at-home,
long-distance learning program that is headquartered at Johns Hopkins
University.



 $Piggy\ race \qquad \begin{array}{ll} \text{Two pigs make their way around the second corner}\\ \text{County Fair in Hamburg, N.Y.} \end{array}$



Industrial bug spray

A Maricopa County Vector Control truck, driven by Bob Battaglia, sprays spot for this year's West Nile virus epicenter, yet federal health officials say Arizona is the only state where the mosquile-borne virus is an evidentic.



Friendly fizz Brendan Prost, 7, of St. Louis, Mo., holds a bottle of Fitz's Root Beer for his sister as his family waits in the Capitol Hill office of Sen. Jim Talent, R-Mo.



Eye-in-the-Sea Eye-in-the-Sea, a new camera system, sits on the sea bottom. The camera is part of advanced technology that allows researchers a new and better look at strange and elusive creatures in the deepest reaches of the Gulf of Mexico.



Illuminating heroes

A new \$1 million lighting system illuminates the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington. In the background is the Washington Monument.

Record-breaking melon

AK ANCHORAGE — An Alaska gardener has done the seemingly impossible: growing a record-breaking cantaloupe, a fruit that craves heat and founders in rain.

In a season marked by hotter and drier weather than usual, Scott Robb has produced a 648-pound muskmelon — an unofficial world record. He plans to enter the colossal fruit in the Alaska State Fair in Palmer next week.

Growing a mammoth melon in Alaska is virtually unheard of. The current world-record cantaloupe belongs to a grower in the loamy, sun-baked fields of North Carolina. So did the record before that.

The official weight of Robb's melon came in 1.3 pounds over the current record. Guinness World Records still needs to certify it, a process that can take up to six months.

Not-so-funny Silly String

CA LOS ANGELES — Banning Silly String in Tinseltown on Halloween? It's a proposal that to some seems almost too silly for words.

The City Council considers the issue no laughing matter, however, and on Tuesday gave preliminary approval to an ordinance banning the discharge of the goosy aerosol string in Hollywood on Oct. 31.

"I know we may think this is silly, but it is not silly to the storm drain system of Los Angeles, or to the ultimate destination, the ocean," said Councilman Tom La-Bonge, whose district includes Hollywood.

The council voted 10-0 to approve the ordinance, but another vote is required before it can take effect.

Boxing champ stabbed

TX SAN ANTONIO — A boxing champion from South Texas was found stabbed to death on Monday, police said.

Robert Quiroga, 34, was pronounced dead Monday morning at University Hospital in San Antonio.

A passer-by on Interstate 10 flagged down an officer, who found Quiroga lying next to his car, San Antonio police spokesman Set. Gabe Trevino said.

Quiroga, nicknamed "Pikin," or little hot pepper, for his scrappiness in the ring, was the first San Antonio boxer to win a major world title.

He beat Juan Polo-Perez in 1990 in England, winning the International Boxing Federation super flyweight title.

Take keys, then arrest

PA ATHENS — Two officers learned a valuable lesson this week: Always take the keys from your patrol car.

Athens Township police officers Thomas J. Vanfleet Jr. and Nathan Ross said they pulled over Jeremy Jacob Friedlander, 21, on Monday night because his Jeep had improperly installed lights and because the license plate was obstructed.

Friedlander told the officers he had a rifle between the front seats and the officers sat him at the rear of the police cruiser while they searched the Jeep. Friedlander then allegedly jumped through the passenger's door and into the driver's seat, where he started the car and pulled away.

Vanfleet managed to get partly into the vehicle and struggled with Friedlander as he drove off, eventually shifting the car into park and pulling the keys from the ignition.

Phone number mix-up

CHARLESTON — About 12,000 Verizon telephone numbers assigned to people who did not want their numbers in phone books were published by accident.

The error, which involved customers in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C., affected only customers who allowed their numbers to be given out by directory assistance operators.

Customers who did not want their numbers available either in phone books or directory assistance were not affected, said Verizon spokesman Harry Mitchell.

The mistake was discovered by a customer who complained.

"After an internal quality review, we discovered that some non-listed phone numbers were printed in our Verizon SuperPages directories and some of the listings were purchased by other directory publishers," Mitchell said.

For all the marble

PA HARRISBURG — It's an auction for all the marble.

Tons of marble slabs that formerly adorned the Dauphin County Courthouse will be sold next Friday to the highest bidder.

About 20 pallets are piled waist-high with different sized panels weighing about 400 pounds each. Most were used on a 20-foot wall that enclosed part of the old air conditioning system, and were replaced in a renovation.

"Build a building now and there is no way you could use that type of material" because of the cost, said Edgar Cohen, the county's director of buildings and grounds.

Cohen said the county will keep a few pallets of marble for repairs and auction the rest. He will oversee the bidding.

Energy on the ballot

DEAVER — Colorado votoers will decide this November whether to require local power companies to use renewable energy, state officials said. The measure would require utilities with at least 40,000 customers to produce 10 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2015. The change would produce 4,000 jobs and \$1.7 billion in capital investment, an environmental group

Prison safety concerns

DES MOINES — Lawmakers touring state prison facilities said they're concerned that possible layoffs could affect prison safety. Budget cuts led Gov. Tom Vilsack to approve cutting up to 89 jobs in the corrections department, which includes nine prisons. A final decision on the layoffs is expected soon.

Stories and photos from wire services

Final farewell



A florist sets a bouquet of flowers to honor film composer limer Bernstein on his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Thursday in Los Angeles. Bernstein, whose prollife career spanned seven decades and earned him 14 Academy Award nominations, an Oscar win and an Emmy Award, died in his sleep at his Ojal, Calift, home Wednesday, sad his publicist. He was 82.

Summer movies use natural fear

BY REBECCA LOUIE New York Daily News

The sharks, snakes and space beasts of summer cinema have one message for human audiences: Nature will

not native one message to fundar administer. Nature win While some blockbusters posit that the biggest threat to mankind is technological innovation (think "I, Robot's" angry legions and "Spider-Man 2's" diabolical cyborg Doc Ock), several other films pinpoint organic adversaries and their treacherous environments as the most dangerous of all.

The recently released "Open Water" enlisted the help of live sharks to depict the terrors two scuba divers face when abandoned at sea.

"Our film is about the arrogance we've shown toward the planet, which without question we have raped and dominated," says Chris Kentis, who made "Open Water" with his wife, Laura Lau. They based the film's harrow-

ing events on a true story.

"Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid," which opens in the States on Aug. 27 and is the sequel to 1997; "Anaconda," was shot in the jungles of Piji and tells of floriticulturists hunted by territorial, and hungry, snakes. Even the new "Ailen vs. Predator" pits humans against "natural" beasts — extraterestrials — in the frozen wastelands of Antarctica.

"These creatures are bigger, more lethal and much scarier than people," says John Davis, a producer on "Alien vs. Predator."

Moviegoers who find themselves sympathizing with the beasts instead of their human counterparts may be responding to what they represent psychologically. "The beast often symbolizes the id, something that is

"The beast often symbolizes the id, something that is out of control," says Peter Dowd, film curator at the American Museum of the Moving Image. "The modern urban human tries to escape and block out nature, but these animal, basic instincts are still there, poking around. Having a beast [on screen] is a way to give those urges a physical form."

AFRTS Television Schedule

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FACES 'N' PLACES

Rockers to play in swing states

The coalition of the willing-to-rock is growing Sheryl Crow, Jack Johnson and Crosby, Stills & Nash have joined the nearly 20 other musicians trying to unseat

President Bush in November

Crow and company were added to the Vote for Change tour, which boasts a lineup of artists including Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, Pearl Jam and Dave Matthews Band. The musicians will perform in an array of combinations at some 38 shows in 32 cities over the course of 12 days in October, concert promoters announced Thursday.

Money generated from the concerts will go to America Coming Together, which promises on its Web site to "derail the right-wing Republican agenda by defeating George W. Bush." The shows will play in election swing states. They'll be presented by MoveOn PAC, the elector al arm of the liberal interest group MoveOn.org

Lachey's famous crush

He had a crush on her, but Alyssa Milano doesn't mind she thinks "he's hot

Nick Lachey told "Access Hollywood" in a recent interview that he had to tell his "Charmed" co-star about his former crush to avoid the humiliation of having her find out from someone else.

Lachey plays Milano's love interest in an upcoming six-episode arc on the WB show

"The first day I came I said, 'I'm just going ... to tell you right now that your poster was hang-ing in my locker. Because you're

going to hear about it and I don't want to be embarrassed later on.

Milano says the feeling is mutual. "His eyes are like lavender," the 31-year-old actress told the syndicat ed entertainment TV show. "I can't even look at him when I'm working

with him. ... Yeah, he's hot. The new season of "Charmed" pre

mieres Sept. 12 in the States. When Lachey was asked if his pop star wife, Jessica Simpson, would

have a problem with his on-screen lip lock with Milano, the 30-year-old singer replied: "I'm in the clear here because when she did 'That '70s Show, she had to kiss **Ashton [Kutcher**]. They did like five takes of the scene, so I got a free pass on the kiss thing!"

Frozen 'Nemo'

Lachey

"Finding Nemo" is still dealing with water, but in a chill-

The Disney/Pixar film about a fish's oceanic adventure is getting the Disney on Ice treatment with elaborate costumes and choreographed routines inspired by the popular animated film.

"Finding Nemo" begins its 13-city tour in Lakeland, Fla., on Sept. 3. Other stops include Nashville, Tenn.; Richmond, Va.; Atlanta; and East Rutherford, N.J. The final stop is scheduled Dec. 8-12 in Raleigh, N.C.

Take a turn at Trump

First the board room, now the board game

At his Fifth Avenue Tower in New York on Wednesday, Donald Trump unveiled his newest business venture: a new Parker Brothers board game with high stakes dealmaking and dollar sums in the billions. Move over Mr. Mo-

Trump, the Game is played by up to four players bidding on real estate, buying big ticket items, such as is-

lands and office buildings, and making billion-dollar business deals just like The Donald does in real life.

There is, however, no gaming equivalent of bankruptcy, which has recently been a part of the Trump experience

On Aug. 9. Trump Hotel and Casino Resorts announced plans to file for Chapter 11 and to form a new corporate structure where Trump surrenders much of his control

Of course, players can terminate their opponents using the two words "You're fired" — made famous on
Trump's reality TV show "The Apprentice

The Trump game "allows players to feel the power and make the deals," said Mark Blecher, senior vice president of marketing at Hasbro Games (the parent company of Parker Brothers).

The game retails for \$24.99. Stories and photos from The Associated Press



'Village' director Shyamalan is big at box office, but will fans' expectations limit his creativity?

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Tom Pollock

Producer

BY STEVEN REA

Knight Ridder Newspapers

NEW YORK — The "M" is not for "modest." M. Night Shyamalan's "The Village" opened in the States recently, and though the 19th-century st stars Oscar-winners Adrien Brody and William Hurt and "Alien" gueen Sigourney Weaver, it's the director's name that's being used to sell the movie.

Trailers for "The Village" begin with signature scenes om Shyamalan's biggest pics, "The Sixth Sense," "Unfrom Shyamalan's biggest pics, "The Sixth Sense," "Un-breakable" and "Signs." His distinctive moniker — the "M" is for Manoj, the "Night" is made up — sits boldly atop the film's title in print ads, posters, every aspect of the media campaign. On July 18. Shyamalan was the subject of, and master-

mind behind, a three-hour special on the Sci Fi Channel, an oddball mix of "making-of" hype and "Blair Witch" faux reality called "The Buried Secret of M. Night Shyamalan." 44 There's one star

Last week, he sat for a 11/2-hour O & A beamed live by satellite to more than 40 theaters and hosted by the fawning, fact-challenged Joel Siegel. ("The Good Morning America" critic - who works for ABC, which is owned by Disney, the par-ent studio behind "The Village" — mistook an Indian actor for Shyamalan in a scene from "The Sixth Sense.") And recently, Shyamalan holed up in Manhattan to do, by his count, 250 interviews with foreign and domestic TV, radio and print report-

"People ask me, why are the movies so successful? Why in so short a time?" says the boyish, ebullient filmmaker, whose troika of supernatural hits have a domestic gross of \$616.5 million.

"Because," he explains, "they are me.

Shyamalan goes on: "For example, Bob Dylan is one of the great singers of all time because he's him. ... The greater the artist is, the more specific they can be to themselves.

Whether he likes it or not - and, for the most part, he does like it - Shyamalan is becoming a brand

"There's one star here — it's M. Night," says Tom Pollock, the producer and onetime Universal Pictures studio head, "There are certain directors who are brands. Their names, in fact, have become adjectives.

"Hitchcockian," he offers. "Hitchcockian means something. ... It means 'scary, suspenseful filmmaker.'

"Capraesque. ... To say a film is Capraesque, you're expecting a movie about a small-town guy who becomes a

Shyamalanian? Shyamalanesque? M. Nightish? It

doesn't roll off the tongue yet. But the expectations are there, and so are the comparisons to Hitchcock. In its releases, Touchstone Pictures hails Shyamalan like Hitchcock, a merchant of suspense who likes to take cameo roles in his films - as "the cinema's modern mas-

"If, ultimately, I'm known for something, it will be for something other than similarities to Hitchcock or to whoever. At least, that's my hope," Shyamalan said.
On one level, the Hitchcock analogy is pure, old-school

movie-biz hype. But it's hype that Shyamalan, a gregarious fellow with firm control over his career, doesn't seem reluctant to perpetuate

"To call him Hitchcockian is a big statement, but then Hollywood isn't known for being hesitant about hyperbole in any form," observes Hayes Roth, vice president of global marketing for Landor Associates, the strategic-brand-

ing consultancy. But Shyamalan has "dem-onstrated a skill and a style and a signature approach, which is the beginning of a

brand." When audiences see his name in the title

and the marketing of the movie, it tells them "a little bit of what they can expect," says Sam Mercer, who produced "The Village" and has worked with Shyamalan on each of his pictures since 1999's out-of-nowhere smash "The Sixth Sense," which remains the 21st-highest-grossing film of all

They know "they're going to be challenged, and have an experience together, and they're going to be emotionally taken by what he has to say.

More than likely, they're also going to expect a twist ending. The denouement of "The Sixth Sense" spun people's heads, and the resolutions of "Unbreakable" and, to a lesser extent, "Signs" also threw audiences for a loop

Whether or not "The Village" has a surprise ending no comment from this quarter - audiences are anticipat-

ing one. Which creates an odd challenge for Shyamalan: Has he

boxed himself in after just a handful of titles? Does he feel burdened by the fans' expectations? And by the expectations of the studio, eager for another huge payoff? (Touchstone, with whom Shyamalan has been aligned since "The Sixth Sense," has a lot riding on "The Village": The Disney film division has had a lackluster year.)

" 'Burdened' in the sense that I don't want [fans] to have less of an experience for having anticipated," the filmmaker responds. But "I can't not make movies the way I want to make movies. I don't want to be in a world where I can't make 'The Sixth Sense' anymore. If those ideas come to me, they should come to me.

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She's proud to serve

War today is very different from wars in the past. There is no longer a defined front line or enemy.

Being in combat doesn't necessarily mean fighting face to face with the enemy The debate on whether women should be allowed in combat no longer seems justifiable. The issue should be whether some one is qualified to do the job. A woman may not be qualified to be part of a Special Forces unit, but is qualified to fly an F-16 and drop bombs on the enemy firing at that unit

I find offensive the letter "Sending women to war is wrong" (Aug. 15) saying that the women in our military are tricked into joining.

The letter writer is implying that female servicemembers are ignorant and gullible by stating they were misled by telling them only of "the benefits of college and other schooling and an additional paycheck" while the "real mission, which is to engage the enemy in the violence of warfare in order to defeat that enemy, is never emphasized."

I knew exactly what I had committed myself to when I signed up. I am proud to serve my country, the same as my grandfather, uncles, cousins and my own mother have

As for the comment about "only in America do we send our women to war," I think he needs to do some research. Women serve in the military in many countries around the world, not "only in America."

Staff Sgt. Brandi K. Taylor Al IIdeid Air Base, Oatar

Kerry 'vague and flaky'

I have been deployed to Iraq for a little over five months now. In the last several months I have heard Sen. John Kerry talk about how much of a difference he would make if he were president.

In your recent interview with him, your reporter asked him a number of questions. Out of the 16 questions that were asked of him. I got an incomplete answer to all of

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them. He was so vague and flaky in his answers, all that he did was scoot around them. Kind of like his whole campaign.

Kerry said, "I can guarantee that within my first term I will have a substantial reduction in troops in Iraq." Well, in 41/2 years I am sure that President Bush will have a great reduction of troops in Iraq, too.

Kerry has not stated one thing that he is for or against. He keeps talking about the United States going to war, not because we want to but because we have to Unless I am wrong, he voted for this war; his vice presidential candidate did not, but he did.

He keeps talking about how we did not find the weapons of mass destruction. Once again, he was on the Senate Intelligence Committee, the same one that viewed the information that President Bush made the case for war on. At that time the war was a popular idea in the United States for the most part, so Kerry jumped on the bandwagon.

Now that it is not popular, Kerry jumped off, and he is now criticizing the war and the current administration's policies. So far, he has made many promises that deal with the military, from the extra soldiers to getting us out of Iraq.

For his sake, if Kerry does somehow win this election, I hope that he can fulfill these promises because if he does not be will be a prime and proven example of how Democrats cannot run a country in a wartime situation

Staff Sgt. Timothy O'Donnell Baghdad

Flag policy hurts morale

To my regret, all occupants of Camp Arifian in Kuwait received a letter stating we cannot fly the U.S. flag, our state flag or banners of any kind.

If we cannot be proud of the United States, the state we are from or unit, and if we are fighting for the United States but cannot show it, then why are we here? These colors are flown over our tent areas, not out in the public.

What will be next: the flag on are desert cammies, or maybe we can't go to worship

This is very demoralizing. I hope someone can see this directive is bad for our troops and change it. Sgt. Alan Runge

Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

Can an officer resign?

I am writing in an attempt to get a straight answer. How does an ex-Army officer resign his commission?

I have seen press reports that officers could be called up to active duty even if their Individual Ready Reserve commitment has expired.

In the Army Times and USA Today, it was reported that there are three ways for an ex-officer to be exempt from an IRR call-up: reach retirement age of 65; have served 28 years of active duty; or resign his commission. I have asked an active-duty officer to

question the S1 adjutant, and the answer was that there is no way to resign one's commission. Is this true?

If it is indeed true that it is possible to resign one's commission, where can it be done in Germany?

Stephen Carney Frankfurt, Germany BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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Horoscope

to the day, connecting us more strongly to our subconscious desires. The atmosphere is more mysterious and more vivid all at once - as though the subtle gestures we normally take for granted are now telling a whole story that defies logic and somehow doesn't fit in with the big picture. Life is a puzzle

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 21). Your charis ma is turned up this year.

and you're able to charm your way into terrific situations. Seek quality people in the next five weeks — one of your new friends could be a love interest who becomes part of a solid, long-term relationship. Your involvement in public causes forwards your goals this winter. Love signs are Scorpio and Aquarius.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're ready to move, but slower

less determined people are in your way. Instead of going around them, negotiate your way through. It's important to take the proper channels on your way and grease the right palms, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Travel, writing and communication are your strengths - you take on

such endeavors like a pro! Continue in your purposefulness, and you'll soon advance to that coveted position you've been aiming toward for vears

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). An element of fun has been conspicuously missing from the past few days, and now is your chance to re-introduce yourself to the idea. Spontaneous decisions are the best. Get outside, where you'll feel vital.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll prepare, organize and plan until there's nothing left to do but jump in. Then, of course, nothing goes as predicted, but at least you're ready to make the most of whatever complications arise. Pay homage to elders.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're definitely in the mood for sensory delights and will appreciate the colors, textures, sights and sounds of even the most ordinary of occurrences. Your love of the sensual will lead to advances in your artistry and

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Strengthen relationships by being

Joyce Jillson

 vour soul has needs that can be beautifully met by others on a similar quest. By the

same token, your spirit can be bruised by an oppressive force.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's an opportunity to perform in

some way or be judged. You'll wonder if you can trust your talent and creativity - will you later feel embarrassed, or will you be proud of yourself for what you can do? Relieve in vourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Your sense of well-being will attract people who are not quite as stable Give your attention generously, but limit the amount of time you spend with people who could potentially knock you out of your emotional center.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your outstanding assets are obvious to all. You lead the way with your integrity, and therefore, decisions that might normally bring a quandary can be made in a snap Taking the high road is the easiest thing to do

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Because you hold the power and somebody else wants it, you may find yourself in a struggle. The more you oppose, the more opposition you'll encounter. Confuse your opponent by taking an unexpected approach.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's always difficult for you to set

limits because you're so inclined to help anyone who claims to need assistance. Try to be a bit more logical now, though, because some one could be taking advantage of your bleeding heart.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). An ongoing battle is starting to drain your energy, and you just want it to be over. Though you may have been willing to compromise a few months ago, you've hardened your stance. Because of this, you're likely

to get your way. Creators Syndicate

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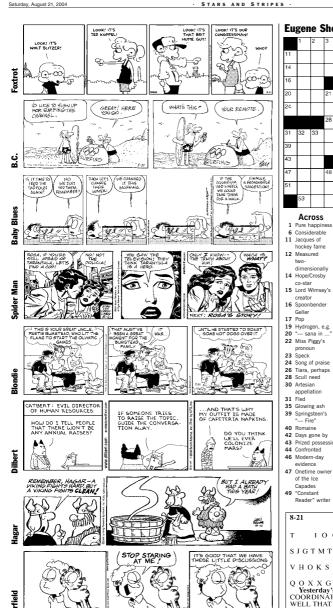




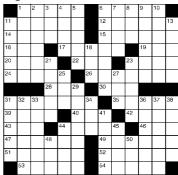








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HIS CAR

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Elopers shouldn't have ceremony

Dear Abby: I am a

21-year-old, happily married woman

"Nolan" and I were married in 2002 and only recently informed my parents. Two years ago, I just wanted to be married to Nolan. I knew my family would not approve, so we eloned. No-Dear Abby lan's family knew about our elopement and are happy for us.

We planned to have a large family wedding "later." I have been planning my perfect wedding since I was 5.

Now my grandmother says that having a reception would be a good idea, but a "wedding with a dress and atten-dants would be in very bad taste. I disagree — but am I being selfish? I love my family, but I am going to have only one ceremony in my life.

I was thinking we could have it in the church and I could have bridesmaids and everything. I won't wear white - my gown would be ivory. What do you

- Married "Bride-to-Be" Dear Married: Your grandmother is a wise lady, and you should listen to her because she's right. A reception to celebrate your ma riage would be far more tasteful than staging the wedding you

skipped when you eloped. However, if and when you and Nolan decide to renew your vows — perhaps on your fifth anniversary the ceremony you have in mind would he

more appropriate at Dear Abby: I have a beautiful, loving niece, "Marissa," who just

turned 30. She desperately wants to be married and

that time

have children Marissa has been dating a man for two years. Last week, he told her that she's the one he wants to marry and have children with,

but he's not ready to do it yet. We have tried to talk to Marissa and encourage her to go out

with friends and enjoy life, but she can't seem to do it. Every time she hears that someone has gotten engaged or become pregnant, she gets depressed. Have you any words of wisdom for Marissa? We have exhausted our supply. Please print this. When I see your answer, I'll run it right over to her anartment

— Caring Aunt in Ohio Dear Aunt: If Marissa won't listen to you and those who love her, she's not going to be recep-tive to "wisdom" from me. She does, however, need some an-

swers before she devotes any more time to her boyfriend. After two years, why isn't he ready for marriage? Is he not ready emotionally? Financially?

Does he still have wild oats to sow? Her biological clock is ticking. If he really plans to have a family with her, a talk with her p-gyn might speed him to the altar. If it doesn't, she should move on.

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Unscramble these four Jumbles one letter to each square to form four ordinary words





Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: Yesterday's

Jumbles: LIMIT SOAPY MOTION RECAME What she was fishing for on vacation -Answer: "COMPLIMENTS"

Friend wears out her welcome

Dear Annie: "Jessie" and I have been friends for almost a year

Her children are the same ages as mine, and they get along great. The problem is, Jessie has a tendency to overstay her welcome when she comes to visit, which is often. On more than one occasion she has stayed until dinnertime, and being the gracious person that I am. I end up making dinner for her children as well as my own.

Last week, Jessie and I met at the zoo during lunchtime. I came fully prepared with sandwiches and drinks for my kids. She brought a small bag of crackers. After polishing off their snacks, her kids started eyeballing our sandwiches and whining about how hungry they were. When Jessie didn't offer to buy her children another snack, I felt obliged to make my kids share their food

Jessie doesn't get my hints about leaving my house, and this

Annie's Mailbox

situation is starting to get on my nerves. I don't mean to sound petty, but Jessie has never invited us over for anything, although they've been to our place many times. I know it isn't an issue of money. Jessie and her husband spend plents on nice vacations and theater tickets

I hate to cut ties with her, since the kids adore one another, but I don't

know what else to do. I'd annieci, ate your advice on this. - Miffed in Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Miffed: Jessie knows she can count on you to feed her children. That is why she insists on bringing them to your house when meals are served, and why she doesn't bring lunches to the zoo when she knows you will be there. If you're certain it isn't a money issue, you should be less accommodating and more direct

Never schedule anything with Jessie that will involve a meal. If she comes to your house and

won't leave, tell her, "So sorry I can't have the kids stay for dinner. I'll call you." Then usher her children out the door, and when Jessie follows, close it.

Dear Annie: I disagree with your response to "Annoyed in Nebraska." You said it is OK to have a bridal shower "in absen tia" if the bride can't be bothered to attend. I think it is wrong to expect someone to purchase a gift for a guest of honor who won't attend her own shower.

— Married in Camarillo, Calif.

Dear Camarillo: You misunderstand the situation. Assume the bride lives in Brazil. The groom's family and friends live in Chicago, but they would like to give her a shower anyway. It's OK under those circumstances to do it without the bride.

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Family Circus



"Rise and dine, Daddy!"

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Robinson makes points at camp

Former Georgia All-American helps sharpen skills of DODDS kickers

Stars and Stripes

WÜRZBURG, Germany - Rex Robinson of Marietta, Ga., a former All-America place-kicker for the Georgia Bulldogs' 1980 national championship team, arrived at this week's DODDS-Europe football camp with a clear ob-

"Our main goal is to help everyone get better," said Robinson, 45, a sports equipment and apparsalesman for Atlanta-based

"I've been really pleased with the progress we've made."

Although there are 425 high

school football players in this year's camp, only a handful have been able to attend every kicking session that Robinson has con-ducted. The others have to divide their time among their position

That fits nicely into Robinson's style, developed when he got involved with the football program at Marietta High School a few years ago

"Some guys were not extremely happy with the kickers' camps they had attended," Robinson said. "They said there were too many people there, so I started working with small groups.

And tailoring his instruction to their styles.

"There are certain fundamentals which should be there, but there can be personal style preferences. I try to help a kicker per-fect his style," Robinson said.

According to London Central coach Fredo Ontiveros, the personal touch works wonders. "He's fantastic." Ontiveros

said. "He gives each kid just one minor adjustment to work on for each repetition. He gives them time to absorb it and then he'll give them another tweak. Does it work?

"We had kids kicking 45-yard field goals last night," Ontiveros

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Ansbach's Mike Ewing follows through Thursday on a kick out of the hold of Lakenheath's Mike Preston as kicking coach Rex Robinson of Marietta, Ga., evaluates his form. Far left is London Central head coach Fredo Ontiveros, another volunteer instructor in the annual three-day DODDS football summer camp.

said Thursday

Robinson's most diligent pupils here are also DODDS soccer stars, including All-Europeans Lones Seiber of Wiesbaden, Mike Preston of Lakenheath and Christian Peel of Bamberg.

"This guy's teaching me a lot," said Seiber, a junior who's playing football for the first time this season. "He's shown me some warm-up drills that are way better than the ones we have for soc-

Robinson tries to develop accu-racy, derived from consisten-

" 'Accuracy Is be the title of my book," Robinson said. "We start our drills close to the goal post and actually try to hit upright. Some guys get frustrated with our drills, which stress accuracy

over power.' Consistency pays off in preparation, too. said, especially

in dealing with the pressure of a game-ending kick which can be the difference between a team's winning and losing

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tine," he said, "something that is easy to repeat perform under pressure. It makes an unnredictable situation seem familiar. It calms you and makes you feel that you've been here before. It's also impor-

ize success and not worry about failing. Robinson said

he'd welcome the opportunity to work this

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For the first time since 1997, Bitburg didn't host DODDS-Europe's annual summer football camp, but the camp's three days of intensive instruction remain solidly in place, according to someone who should know.

"The template of the camp has been developed over the years," said Bitburg's Len Haristone. Haristone was the assistant to longtime coach Rik Carr, who re-tired after last season. "The only thing that's missing is Rik."

Players who attended previous camps noticed one other difference

"The only difference," said Wiesbaden's Paul Fry, "is that it's farther to walk to the commissary here than in Bithurg.

Special instruction

In addition to the instruction in football fundamentals and physical conditioning, football campers here also prepare for their special

DODDS notes

situation in the wide-ranging landscape of DODDS-Europe football. All 425 campers, along with their coaches, sleep on cots in Bit-burg's gym and wrestling room, just as they'll often do on road trips during the season.

Bumps and bruises

Army medics from Würzburg Hospital are on the scene at camp.

"I'd say we've treated about 25 injuries," said medic Megan Kalb-fleisch, a Reservist from the 348th General Hospital in New York. "That's less than I'd expect

from a group this size."

Kalbfleisch, who said she enjoyed this break from the routine at the clinic, admitted that she hadn't had much experience dealing with sports injuries.

Not that it matters "A medic is a medic," she said.

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AFN schedule

(All times Central European. AFN-A AFN-Atlantic; PAC: AFN-Pacific/Korea; SPT: AFN-Sports; did: delayed. Listings are latest available from AFRTS and subject to change without notice.)

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6:30 am. Sunday (AF).A, PAC) — Track and field: women's discus final, heptathlon final, women's 80m semifinals; Cycling track finals; Weightillfting: women's super heavyweight final.

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alis (live).

4 p.m. Sunday (AFN-A, PAC) — Track and field: women's marathon (live), wheelchair finals; Women's volleyball: USA vs. Cuba (live); Rowing: finals; Beach volleyball: USA quarterfinal.

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nuarterfinal.

6:35 a.m. Monday (APN-A, PAC) — Track
and field: men's hammer throw final, women's 400m hurdles semifinals; Beach volleyball: quarterfinal: Cycling: track finals.
Pro football — NFL preseason: NY, Jets at
Indianapolis, 2 a.m. Sunday, SPT: Detroit at
Cleveland, 9 a.m. Sunday (did), SPT.

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Selig gets extension through '09

PHILADELPHIA - If Bud Selig wants to be baseball's commissioner for life, owners probably approve.

"At this point, yes," the New York Mets' Fred Wilpon said Thursday after Selig's term was extended three years through

"God willing, Bud's health will be good. His own interest may change. But right now I'd say ves.

If Selig serves out the new term, he will have held the job for 17 years - the second-longest tenure behind Kenesaw Mountain Landis, who became the first commissioner in 1920 and held the iob until he died in 1944.

The 70-year-old Selig, whose family controls the Milwaukee Brewers, became acting commissioner in 1992 after leading the group that forced Fay Vincent's resignation. Selig was given a five-year term in July 1998, and three years later owners extend-ed it through 2006.

"In September 1992, I told my wife when I got off the plane, she asked how long it would be, and I said. 'Two to four months.' " Selig recalled. "It's got to be the longest two to four months in history

In April 2003, he said his current term would be his last. The vote to extend it was unanimous.

Owners also gave their preliminary go-ahead for the launch of a World Cup tournament, which Selig finally admitted could not begin until 2006.

However, the Chicago White Sox, Detroit and Kansas City voted against the World Cup and the New York Yankees abstained, one baseball official said on the condition of anonymity. In addition, Oakland made its vote for approval conditional, subject to insurance for players being worked out to its satisfaction.

Under Selig, baseball expanded the playoffs from four to eight teams in 1995, started interleague play in 1997, vastly increased revenue sharing among the clubs, got players to agree to a luxury tax on high-payroll clubs. Two years ago, players agreed to a labor contract without a work stoppage for the first time since 1970.

Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, told owners that no decision had been made on where to move the Montreal Expos, but that the relocation committee understood it was under time pressure to make a decision, one official at the meeting said.

Washington and Northern Virginia remain the leading candidates to land the franchise for next season, Baseball plans meetings government officials from both those areas along with Las Vegas and Norfolk, Va.

Yankees lose 9-3 lead, then win in Minnesota

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — As All-Star closer Joe Nathan walked to the mound in the ninth inning with the Metrodome crowd roaring, the Minnesota Twins looked to be on their way to a three-game sweep of the New York Yankees.



homered twice and keyed a four-run rally in the ninth inning Thursday night, sending the Yankees to a seesaw, 13-10 victory

over the Twins.

Nathan, who hadn't allowed a run in 29 innings, got Derek Jeter to ground out leading off the minth with Minnesota clinging to a one-run lead. His next pitch was a low fastball to Sheffield, who reached down and drove it into the left-center seats.

into the left-center seats.
"It was a good pitch," Sheffield said. "It was just a situation where I was trying to be aggressive. If you get behind in the count with him, he's lights-out. I was just trying to get on base and give us a chance to win the ballgame."

Mission accomplished.
"I'm telling you, the pitch that he made to Sheffield wasn't a bad pitch," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "Ninety-four mph, or whatever, down below the knees and he hit it out. That's just a pretty good hitter."

Afterward, Alex Rodrigue called Sheffield an MVP.

"I can't see anybody who's played better baseball in the last four months — with a bad shoulder to boot. It's been awesome to watch." he said.

Earlier, it looked as if the Twins would complete an improbable comeback Trailing 9-3 and without Gold Glove center fielder Torii Hunter after he crashed into the fence, the Twins took the lead.

Shannon Stewart hit a two-out, two-run triple past Sheffield's lunge in right field, giving the Twins a 10-9 lead in the eighth and camping a stirring complact.

and capping a stirring comeback.
"He'd fouled off a bunch of
pitches and I didn't think he'd be
able to pull one into the gap,"
Sheffield said. "I just moved over
about two steps and it cost us."
He more than made up for it

his next at-bat.
After Sheffield's homer, Rodriguez, back from a four-game suspension, followed with a single

and a stolen base.
"We were on the road, and you've got to attack," Rodriguez said. "I like to save my legs, but I think I'll run when the game's on

the line

That set the stage for Hideki Matsui, who grounded a go-ahead single. Later in the inning, pinch-hitter Ruben Sierra had an RRI single

Later in the inning, pinch-hitter Ruben Sierra had an RBI single, and another run scored on a throwing error by center fielder Lew Ford.

Nathan tried to brush off the

tough loss.
"It's not about worrying about what you did the previous day. It's about coming back in and trying to start a new streak," he said. Ford entered as a replacement for Hunter.

Tom Gordon (4-3) got the win despite allowing Stewart's triple. Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for his major league-lead-

"I thought we had it when we had a six-run lead the second time," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "But those things hap-

The Twins have a four-game lead over Cleveland in the AL



New York outfielder Hideki Matsui drove in the winning run in a four-run ninth with a single.

Central. Gardenhire was pleased that his team won a series against the Yankees after losing 13 straight regular-season games to

them before this week.
Sheffield and Rodriguez homered to help the Yankees build a big lead going into the seventh, but Paul Quantrill and Gordon couldn't hold it for Orlando Hernandez.

Luis Rivas hit an RBI double, and Quantrill relieved El Duque. Stewart followed with a single, and Jacque Jones hit a two-run double to make it 9-6. Ford's RBI triple chased Quantrill. Justin Morneau's RBI grounder off Gorneau and the chased Countrill.

don pulled the Twins within a run.
With two outs and runners on
the corners in the eighth, Stewart
worked a full count against Gordon before his liner to right-center barely eluded Sheffield, playing with a painful left shoulder.

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In other AL games Thursday:

Tigers 8, White Sox 4: Bobby
Higginson homered twice and
Wilfredo Ledezma (3-0) pitched
five shutout innings before giving
un three in the sixth in Chicago.

Angels 10, Devil Rays 7:
Vladimir Guerrero hit a three-run homer and Josh Paul added a grand slam to help Anaheim win two of three in Tampa Bay. The Angels have won 10 of 14 overall.

Hunter hits

wall, suffers

neck strain

MINNEAPOLIS - Twins

center fielder Torii Hunter

strained his neck when he

crashed into the padded wall

trying to make a catch, and left

Thursday night's game against the New York Yankees.

winner sprinted into right-cen-

ter, chasing a drive by Jorge

Posada in the fifth inning.

against the padding and the

able to reporters after the

game, was carted off the field. He was lsted as day-to-day.

er Ron Gardenhire said. "Hit

the baggie with his face, it

kind of threw it back, so he got

it two different ways. He has a

very stiff neck, he's sore. We'll

just have to wait and see how it

is for tomorrow."

down to like whiplash," m

"I think it basically gets

ball fell for a double.

Hunter, who wasn't avail-

collided violently

The three-time Gold Glove

Braves' rally hands Gagne another loss

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Johnny Estrada's fourth hit of the game was a slow roller that just squeezed

through the infield.

It still was a big hit.

Estrada homered, drove in three runs and started Atlanta's decisive rally in the ninth inning, and the Braves beat Eric Gagne and the Los Angeles Dodgers 6-5 Thursday night.

Atlanta manager Bobby Cox is getting used to Estrada's key hits.
"If you look at Johnny's numbers — his on-base percentage, his batting average, his runs knocked in. I think he still leads

knocked in. I think he still leads the big leagues with runners in scoring position," Cox said. "He's having a fantastic year, and he's a great catcher."

Estrada is batting .330, including .390 (39-for-100) with runners in scoring position, and has 63

In a matchup of division leaders, the Dodgers had tied it 5-5 on consecutive home runs by Adrian Beltre and Shawn Green, the second solo homer of the game for each.

Gagne gave up a one-out RBI single to pinch-hitter Adam LaRoche in the ninth to lose for the second time in as many nights.

"This would have been a great playoff game," said the Braves' John Smoltz, who pitched a perfect ninth for his 32nd save in 34 chances and franchise-record 142nd of his career.

"The crowd was into it and they know what's at stake for their city, because it's been a while. We beat a great one tonight — Gagne in the ninth"

Gagne (4-3) gave up Estrada's leadoff single, with the ball rolling just under the glove of diving second baseman Alex Cora.

Nick Green ran for Estrada and moved to second on Eli Marrero's sacrifice bunt. LaRoche pinch-hit for Chris Reitsma and Green advanced on a passed ball by Brent Mayne before LaRoche hit a broken-bat single through the right side of the drawn-in infield.

Gagne picked up the barrel of the broken bat and angrily hurled it off the field.

"It's so frustrating. We're playing so well and hitting the ball so well," said Gagne, honored in a pregame ceremony for his major league-record streak of 84 saves that ended earlier this season. "We should have won tonight,

should have won last night," he said. "The way we came back, it's just frustrating to give up a run like that. It's not fun. I'll just have to come back and pitch better the next time."

A night earlier, the Dodgers' closer had blown his second save in 100 chances. Asked about Gagne, Los Ange-

Asked about Gagne, Los Angeles manager Jim Tracy said, "There's nothing wrong with Eric

Gagne. He's human."

Shortstop Rafael Furcal made a spectacular diving stab of Izturis' grounder up the middle and got a forceout to end that inning.

"That play turned the game around," Cox said. "They get that run and we're probably in deep



In other NL games Thursday: Cubs 9, Brewers 6: In Milwau-

Cubs 9, Brewers 6: In Milwaukee, Greg Maddux (12-8) allowed four runs in the first inning, but settled down to earn his 301st victory and help push the Cubs within a half-game of idle San Francisco in the NL wild-card race.

Maddux won for the fifth time in six decisions. He retired 13 of his final 14 batters and left after seven innings with an 8-5 lead. Sammy Sosa hit his 27th homer

of the season and 566th overall, moving within seven of Harmon Killebrew for seventh place. Derrek Lee and Aramis Ramirez also homered for the Cubs.

Astros 12, Phillies 10: Eric Bruntlett, Craig Biggio and Lance Berkman homered during a seven-run seventh inning and Houston turned a game-changing triple play to send Philadelphia to its seventh straight loss.

The Phillies led 7-2 in the fifth when Todd Pratt grounded into a bases-loaded triple play, the first by Houston in 13 years. The Astros won their fourth in a row.

The Phillies finished 1-9 to match a team record for most losses on a homestand, set in 1941.

Jim Thome hit his 36th homer for Philadelphia.

Mets 10-4, Rockies 3-2: David Wright hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the ninth inning to help New York complete a doubleheader sweep in Denver.

The Mets won the opener behind the pitching of Kris Benson (10-9) and Mike Cameron's four RBIs, then tied the nightcap on Eric Valent's leadoff homer in the eighth against Tim Harikkala.

Pirates 3, Cardinals 2 (10): Scott Rolen's second error of the game allowed the winning run to score in the top of the 10th.

Reggie Sanders made it 2-2 in the ninth with a two-out homer off Pittsburgh closer Jose Mesa (5-1).

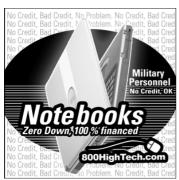
The Pirates have won nine of 12 and have a four-game winning streak against the Cardinals.



One night after giving up four runs

in the ninth inning of a loss to Florida, Los Angeles Dodgers closer Eric Gagne (4-3) allowed Atlanta to score the decisive run in a 6-5 loss on Thursday.





Hot start, cool finish for Woods in NEC

Cink's 63 leads \$7 million event: Woods trails by five after Round 1

The Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio - Stewart Cink went from the last American picked for the Ryder Cup team to the first name on the leader board in the NEC Invitational, completing a 7-under 63 on Friday for a two-shot lead over Zach Johnson.

Cink played eight holes on soggy Firestone South to complete his bogev-free round, finishing with a 7-iron into 5 feet for birdie to match his lowest score of the season

"I'm playing with a lot of confidence," Cink said.

Tiger Woods, battling to keep his No. 1 ranking, didn't finish quite that well.

Leading the tournament briefly at 5-under, he made back-to-back bogeys to end Thursday on a sour note, and he was even more perturbed that darkness kept him from finishing his round. Woods was among 60 players who had to return at 7:30 am EDT but he had to play just one hole

And it wasn't a good one. "Not in the firs," he pleaded with his tee shot on No. 18, which landed behind a fir tree. After a



knockdown shot that never got higher than 5 feet during its 140-yard journey to the edge of the green, Woods chipped to 4 feet and missed the par putt, slinging his putter at his bag

He finished the first round with seven birdies, five bogeys, six pars and four thrown clubs, which gave him a 68 and put him in a tie for fifth with seven other players.

PGA champion Vijay Singh, who only needs to finish higher than Woods to replace him at No. 1, was among only 16 players who finished the first round Thursday, when rain delayed the start by five hours and forced tournament officials to send threesomes — instead of the traditional twosomes at Firestone - off the first and

Singh bogeyed two of the first three holes, and ended with a double bogey for a 73.

Ernie Els, who also can rise to No. 1 this week, walked off the course Friday morning in no



Tiger Woods, winless since February, made seven birdies in the first round of the NEC Invitational, but finished with three straight bogeys.

mood to talk. He returned at 1-under with eight holes to play, but two double bogeys sent him to

Johnson made two birdie putts inside 10 feet to reach 5-under, then holed a 15-foot putt on the ninth hole to save par and give Barry Lane and Bob Tway each

Joining Woods in the large group at 68 were Davis Love III, Jim Furyk, Sergio Garcia and Chris DiMarco, who is coming off a playoff loss at Whistling Straits that put him on the Ryder Cup

Albers, Han lead stormy Wendy's Championship

DUBLIN, Ohio - Kristi Albers had a hole-in-one on No. 17 and shot 5-under 67 to take a share of the lead with defending champion Hee-Won Han in the rain-delayed opening round of the Wendy's onship for Children

A violent storm rocked Tartan Fields Golf Club late in the day after half the 144-player field completed the first round.

Han was 5-under through 13 holes when play was suspended. Norway's Suzann Pettersen was a shot back of the co-leaders at 4-under through 17 holes. Three players finished at 3-under 69 - Nancy Scranton, al-

most 5 months pregnant with twins; Patricia Meunier-Lebouc and Dottie Pepper.
Michelle Wie, the long-hitting

14-year-old amateur, was 3-over through 10 holes.

Rookie from Auburn ahead in Reno-Tahoe Open

RENO, Nev. - Roland Thatcher, a former Auburn star in his first season on the PGA Tour, shot 6-under-par 66 to take the lead in the Reno-Tahoe Open. rain-delayed

Mark Wiebe and Mark Wilson were a stroke back, and Corey Pavin was in a group another shot

With spotlight on Manning, Delhomme steals show



Giants rookie Eli Manning, above, went 9-for-15 for 117 yards Thursday in his first NFL start. Kurt Warner was nine of 11 for 71 yards with an interception that was returned for a TD.

BY JENNA FRYER The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Although the spotlight was on Eli Manning, Jake Delhomme shone the brightest.

Manning had a decent debut as a starter, but Delhomme overshad-owed the No. 1 pick in the NFL Draft by throwing for a touchdown and running for another in the Carolina Panthers' 27-20 victory Thursday night over the New York Giants.

The game was the first test for Manning, competing with two-time MVP Kurt Warner for New York's starting job

Manning looked every bit the carbon copy of his brother, Peyton, pointing out the defense and calling audibles early. His passes were smooth and on the mark. He went 9-for-15 for 117 yards.

But as the first half unfolded, the Panthers' defense stiffened.

Brentson Buckner pushed through the line for a nasty takedown of Manning in the second quarter - Buckner was flagged for encroachment and Mark Fields sacked him three plays later to end his night.

There were a few bobbles: On his second series. Manning tried to change the play from the shotgun position but ran out of time and earned a delay-of-game penalty. "I've still got a lot to learn," Man-

ning said. "Feeling better in the pocket, being more comfortable in there. Standing there making my reads and better throws. But every day and every week, I feel more comfort-

"Eli did all right," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "He did OK. We don't have any problems with that.'

defensive end Mike Rucker said of Manning. "They're trying to protect him with quick counts and hard counts and quick throws. That's understandable. He'll be good when he gets older.

Delhomme completed 11 of 13 passes for 144 yards, including back-to-back pretty passes to Steve Smith. One was for 38 yards, and Smith jumped over defenders on the next one, an 18-yard completion to the 7-yard line.

Delhomme threw a touchdown pass to Muhsin Muhammad on the next play for a 10-3 Carolina lead.

Warner was sacked four times and threw an interception late in the fourth quarter to William Hampton, who returned it 49 yards for a touchdown. Warner finished nine of 11 for 71 yards.

Dizzy AL batting leader Ichiro says he is not concussed State standout. Ross missed a scheduled

Sports

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Ichiro Suzuki did not sustain a concussion when he was hit in

the head by a pitch, but the Seattle Mariners' star still felt slightly dizzy Thursday and was scheduled to play against Kansas City

The game was post-poned by rain before it began and rescheduled as part of a doubleheader in Seattle on Aug. 28.

Suzuki, who leads the majors with 189 hits and a .366 average, was hit on the back right side of his head by rookie Jimmy Serrano on Wednesday

"The tests were OK so I should be fine " Suzuki said through a translator. "We'll see how dizzy I am tomorrow."

White Sox manager suspended 2 games

CHICAGO - White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen was suspended for two more games and fined \$2,000 by the commissioner's office Thursday for calling umpire Hunter Wendelstedt a liar

Guillen was suspended two games and fined \$1,000 for arguing during an Aug. 9 game against Cleveland, contesting an out call at second base

Guillen finished serving that suspension Wednesday. But before Wednesday's game, he told reporters he had a problem with some aspects of Wendelstedt's report to the commissioner's office

"I don't blame them to suspend me or

whatever it is, but the guy lied. Whatever his name is, Hunter or whatever. He lied. He lied to major league baseball, he lied to Mr. (Bob) Watson, he lied to Mr. Sandy Alderson," Guillen said.

You are not a real man when you lie.

Saints LB Hodge suspended 4 games

NEW ORLEANS - New Orleans Saints linebacker Sedrick Hodge has been suspended for four games by the NFL for vioating its substance abuse policy.

Hodge, a third-round draft selection by the Saints in 2001, was expected to start at strong-side linebacker.

In other team news, the Saints released cornerback Derek Ross one day after placing a waiver claim on the former Ohio

flight to New Orleans on Wednesday

Steelers OG Simmons out for season

LATROBE, Pa. — Pittsburgh right guard Kendall Simmons will miss the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee, leaving the Steelers short on an offensive line lacking depth.

Former champ Bowe plans comeback

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Former heavy-weight champion Riddick Bowe (40-1, 32 KOs), 37, is coming out of retirement after a 17-month prison stint, with a scheduled return to the ring Sept. 25.

His first fight in seven years will be against low-ranked heavyweight Jeff Lally (23-23-1, 10 KOs) at Fire Lake Casino, a spokesman for the facility said Thursday.

2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Patterson takes over as USA's golden girl

BY GIL LEBRETON

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

ATHENS - In the end, Carly Patterson showed them all She showed the gymnastics fans who wondered if she could



come back from elbow surgery. showed doubters watched her

fall from the balance beam twice in the Olym-

She showed the committee that seemed poised to hand her lofty perch on the U.S. team to a new comer. She showed the people who watched her in the Olympic team finals Tuesday night and wondered if, at the worst of times, she'd run out of gas.

She showed the world. She showed us all.

For 20 years, the U.S. gymnastics world wondered if and when there would ever be another Mary Lou Retton. Kristie Phillips. Shannon Mill-

er. Dominique Moceanu. They all were fitted for the crown but, in the most golden way of all, fell

How long, we asked, before the

"next Mary Lou"? "No more questions," Bela Karolyi, the man who coached



American Carly Patterson performs her floor routine during the wom en's gymnastics individual all-around final in Athens on Thursday.

the original, bellowed Thursday

night. "She's already born." Nailing every landing on her final two events and confidently planting every jump, Patterson won the Olympic gold medal in women's gymnastics all-around Thursday night.

Repeating a style to which she has apparently become accus-tomed, she came from behind, scoring a 9.725 on the balance beam to take over the lead and sealing the victory with a stylish. 9.712 performance on floor exer-

An anxious wait had preceded her final routine. Patterson was the final competitor in the final event of the night. She knew she needed at least a 9.536 score to pass Russia's Svetlana Khorkina.

"You can do it, baby," coach Evgeny Marchenko told her as she walked to the mat to begin. With her big-band jazz music playing, Patterson's first tum-bling pass ended with a full-out

twist. Perfect. She thrust her arms skyward, as if she'd just landed from the uneven bars. Three more passes diagonally

across the mat all produced the same soaring result.

With the cheers of the crowd ringing in her ears, Patterson dashed down the steps and into her coach's arms. Seconds later, the judges rewarded her with the best floor-exercise score of the

mgnt.
"You're the new Olympic
all-around champion!" Marchenko screamed, holding her in a tight squeeze.

16-year-olds should, couldn't help but cry. "How many years have we wait-ed?" said Karolyi, who no longer coaches the U.S. team, but re-

mains a force on the American gymnastics scene. "Twenty years. It seemed like

an eternity Her floor exercise routine may have sealed the gold medal, but

Patterson, for all intents and purposes, likely decided it with her performance on the balance beam. She ended it with her trademark, double-Arabian dismount, and gym people think that it's the hardest beam routine in the sport. The judges concurred, reward-

ing Patterson with a score that was .263 higher than Khorkina's and catapulting her into first. "As soon as she was through

with the beam, we knew she had the gold," Karolyi said. "But the big question is the beam. She

proved her class, but beam is

As fate would have it, all of the medal contenders — Khorkina, Nicoleta Sofronie of Romania, and Nan Zhang of China — finished the four-event competition on floor exercise.

Karolvi was asked if Patterson going last was an advantage

"The thing is, you still have to do the floor." he said. "Sometimes, the pressure is really

But Patterson showed us. She competes in a world of rela tive porcelain dolls, compared to the shot putters and weightlifters that she sees around the Olympic Village. But Patterson has an athlete's body and, more importantly, an athlete's flair for competi-

"My whole life, this has been my dream," Patterson said, "and it's finally come true. All my hard work has paid off.

"And, umm-m-m . . . that's it." She laughed at how silly, how simple her answer seemed.

She doesn't, perhaps, have the 1984 Olympic champion's pearly smile or her perky personality She didn't have the same Olym pic stage that the team in 1984

But you can call off the golden hunt for the "next Mary Lou."

Carly Patterson showed us all.

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2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Phelps ties Spitz with fourth individual gold

U.S. swimmer gives Crocker spot in relay but still can win record eighth medal

BY PAUL NEWBERRY

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece - Michael Phelps swam the race of his life - then topped himself again.

Capping a magnificent Olympics with a magnanimous gesture, Phelps matched Mark Spitz's record of four individual swimming gold medals and then gave up a coveted spot on the 400-meter medley relay team to Maine's Ian Crocker — the man Phelps had just beaten.

With five golds and seven medals over-



Michael Phelps, above, won his fourth gold medal in Athens, setting an Olympic record in the 100-meter butterfly (51.25). He beat Ian Crocker by .04 seconds

all, Phelps is content to win a historic eighth medal while sitting in the stands Saturday night.

His Olympics are over. "We came into this meet as a team."

Phelps said. "We'll leave here as a team."

showcase, the 19-year-old from Baltimore came through with another stirring performance in the 100 butterfly. He had every reason to be tired, racing for the 17th time in seven days. And he was taking on Crocker - the world record-holder, the guy who beat Phelps in the world championships and the U.S. Olympic trials.

Midway through the race, it seemed as though Phelps had met his match. Crocker led his teammate by a half-body length, making the turn under world-record nace Phelps was lagging in fifth, his quest for another gold in serious jeopardy.

But Phelps' huge wingspan began to dig furiously into the water, leaving behind a wake that resembled a washing machine cleaning a load of clothes. With 20 meters to go, he had pulled up on Crocker's shoulder. At the wall, both lunged for the gold.

Phelps got it, beating Crocker by a minuscule four-hundredths of a second in an Olympic record of 51.25. Andriy Serdinov

of Ukraine took the bronze with a time of

"He's a great champion," said International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge, who watched Phelps' victory from a front-row seat at the Aquatic Center. "Definitely, he is going to be one of the icons of the Games."

Normally, the winner of the 100 fly gets a spot in the medley relay final. But Phelps, who already had taken part in the morning preliminaries, decided to give his spot to Crocker. Everyone who participate on a top-three relay team — whether it's the preliminaries or a final — receives a

The United States has never lost a medley relay in the Olympics, and this team will be an overwhelming favorite to keen that streak alive - no matter if it's Crocker instead of Phelps swimming the fly.

Therefore, Phelps still is likely to tie Soviet gymnast Aleksandr Dityatin's record of eight medals in one Olympics, accom-plished in the boycotted 1980 Moscow

U.S. 1,500m hopeful Webb has early exit

ATHENS, Greece - Alan Webb, who was supposed to end America's streak of mediocrity in middle-distance races, got outmaneuvered and outrun as he failed to make it out of the preliminary round in the 1,500 meters. Trying to end a 36-year U.S

Olympics roundup

drought in the Olympic 1,500. Webb finished ninth in his heat Friday. Twenty-four runners ad-

vanced, and Webb had the 25th-fastest time. He missed qualifying by .11 seconds. Webb, 21, finished in 3 min-

utes, 41.25 seconds. He was stuck in the middle of the field for most of the race, and faded on the final stretch The last American to win an

Olympic medal in the 1,500 was Jim Ryun, who earned silver in

Earlier Friday, a U.S. women's sprinting corps missing some of its higgest names got off to a strong start on the first day of the track competition, with three Americans including 37-year-old Gail Devers — advancing from their preliminary heats in the 100 meters.

Lauryn Williams was fastest in her heat in 11.16 seconds. U.S champion LaTasha Colander slowed at the end but still won her heat in 11.31. And Devers. who won this event in the 1992 and 1996 Games, advanced by placing third in her heat in 11.29

U.S. Olympic trials triple jump champion Melvin Lister failed to make the finals. He was 18th in the preliminary round at 54-71/4 (16.64). The top 12 advance

U.S. women clinch top spot

Challenged for the first time in

these Olympics, the U.S. women's basketball team fought through foul problems and long stretches of cold shooting to clinch first place in its preliminary group with a 71-58 victory over Spain.

The United States had won its first three games in Athens by an average of 31 points, but nothing came easily against Spain. Lisa Leslie, Tina Thompson and Yolanda Griffith led a 10-2 fourth-quarter run that nut the Americans firmly in control.

American Fish to play for gold

Mardy Fish, an unseeded American, beat No. 16 Fernando Gonzalez of Chile 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 on Friday in the Olympic semifinals Gonzalez had pulled off a third-round upset of Fish's teammate and buddy, Andy Roddick.

In Sunday's final, Fish will play No. 10 Nicolas Massu, who defeated Taylor Dent 7-6 (5), 6-1 in another U.S. vs. Chile match.

Weightlifter, shot putter thrown out for doping

A weightlifter from India and shot putter from Uzbekistan were kicked out of the Athens Olympics on Friday for testing positive

India's Sanamacha Chanu and Uzbekistan's Olga Shchukina were disqualified by the International Olympic Committee executive board

Chanu was stripped of her fourth-place finish in Sunday's 53-kilogram (117-pound) weightlifting competition. Shchukina finished 19th and last in her qualifying group in Wednesday's shot put at Ancient Olympia.

The IOC said Chanu tested positive for furosemide, a banned diuretic that can be used as a masking agent. Shchukina tested posiin an out-of-competition screening last Saturday for the steroid clenbuterol, the IOC said.

Olympics scoreboard

Friday's scores BASEBALL

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David Ford, Canada, 192.58, *4.62.
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Fencing

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l. Valentina Turisini. Italy (585, 100.9).

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5. Lee Hye Jin, South Korea (584, 97.0). 681.0. 6. Sonja Pfellschifter, Germany (582, 97.6), 679.6. 7. Barbara Lechner, Germany (580, 97.6),

77.6. 677.6. 8. Natallia Kalnysh, Ukraine (579, 98.2), 677.2.

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Stanislava Komarova, Russia, 2:09.72.
Reiko Nakamura, Japan, 2:09.88.
Antje Buschschulte, Germany, 2:09.88.
Margaret Hoelzer, Huntsville, Ala,

6. Louise Oernstedt, Denmark, 2:11.15. 7. Katy Sexton, Britain, 2:12.11.

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Kim Bok-craea Nil Janfeng, China (2) def.
Wang Nan ad Zhang Yining, China (2) def.
Lee Euri-sil and Suk Eun-mi, South Korea (3),
11-3, 1-7, 1-8, 1-8.

2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

S. Korean archers win team gold again

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Trailing by 26 points with three arrows left, South Korea turned to Park Sung-hyun to keep its streak of women's archery dominance

Park hit nine and then eight, and needed a 10 for victory on the final shot of the match.

The Olympic champion didn't

miss.
Park shot a 10 on the last arrow of the women's team competition of the women's team competition giving South Korea a 241-240 win giving South Korea a 241-240 win tive gold metal in the event. The Koreans have won the gold at every Games since the team event was added to the Olympic program in 1988 in Seoul and all 11 women's archery golds since their first appearance in the sport

in 1984.

Park defeated teammate Lee
Sung-jin in the final to win the individual gold on Wednesday.
Their third teammate, Yun
Mi-jin, won the individual gold in
Sydney in 2000.

China shot three nines in its last end, opening up a 26-point lead over the Koreans, who had three arrows left. Park, the 2001 world champion and 2003 runner-up, delivered the 27 points needed to give South Korea another archery gold.

Taiwan defeated France 242-228 to win the bronze.

In Olympic archery, competitors stand 70 meters from targets, which is 122-centimeters in diameter. The 10-point ring on the target is 12.2 centimeters (4.8 inches) in diameter.

Cycling

Men's 1-kilometer time trial: Chris Hoy won in an Olympic-record time of 1 minute, 0.711 seconds on Friday, giving Britain its first gold medal of the Athens Games.

France's Arnaud Tournant was second in 1:00.896. He was 0.358 seconds behind Hoy for the gold int this year's world championships.

Germany's Stefan Nimke, the time trial silver medalist at the 2000 Olympics, won the bronze in 1:01.186.

Women's 500-meter time trial: Anna Meares of Australia won the gold medal Friday, finishing the two laps around the Olympic velodrome in a world-record 33.952 seconds.

Jiang Yonghua of China, the former world-record holder, won the silver with a time of 34.112 seconds. Natallia Tsylinskaya of Belarus won the bronze in 34.167

Track and field

Men's 20-kilometer walk: Ivan Brugnetti of Italy pulled away over the final 2,000 meters to win the gold medal.

Brugnetti won in a personal best 1 hour, 19 minutes, 39 sec-



Germany's Marcus Becker, right and Stefan Henze compete in the final race of the C2 men's canoe event at the Olympic Canoe-Kayak slabour venue in Athenson Friday. The pair won the silver medal, Pavol Hochschorner and Peter Hochschorner of Slovakia won the gold medal and Jaroslav Volf and Ondres Stepanech of Czech Republic won the bronze.

Medals roundup

onds, finishing 5 seconds ahead of silver medalist Francisco Fernandez of Spain. Nathan Deakes of Australia won the bronze in

:20.02.
Shooting
Men's 50-meter prone: Ameri-

can Matt Emmons won the gold medal with a score of 703.3. Christian Lusch of Germany won the silver medal with 702.2, and Sergei Martynov of Belarus

the brouze.
Emmons led all shooters after
the qualifying round with a score
of 599, which meant that only one
of his 60 shots failed to hit the
bull's-eye that is 10.4 millimeters
in diameter — smaller than a
dime. In the final, where shots
are measured in fractions of a
noint Emmons shot a 10st.

Women's 50-meter three-position rifle: Licubov Galkina f Russia won the gold medal with an

Olympic-record score of 688.4.
Valentina Turisini of Italy won
the silver and Wang Chengyi of
China took the bronze.

Canoe-Kavak

Men's two-man canoe: Pavol and Peter Hochschorner took the gold medal once again, winning by more than 3 seconds.

The brothers from Slovakia moved smoothly through the whitewater course, showing the form that helped them win the gold medal in the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Olympics.
Their time was 207.16, beating
Marcus Becker and Stefan Henze
of Germany by 3.82 seconds.

Jaroslav Volf and Ondrej Stepanek of the Czech Republic took bronze, just under 2 seconds behind the Germans.

Men's kayak: Frenchman Benoit Peschier, who entered the Olympics ranked 12th in the world in single kayak slalom, put together a pair of clean, fast runs to win the gold medal.

Britain's Campbell Walsh was second and defending world champion Fabien Lefevre of France took bronze.

Table Tennis

Women's doubles: China's team of Wang Nan and Zhang Yining won the gold medal, beating Lee Eun-sil and Suk Eun-mi of South Korea 11-9, 11-7, 11-6,

Guo Yue and Niu Jianfeng of China won the bronze.

Gymnastics

Women's trampoline: Anna Dogonadze of Germany won the gold medal, scoring 39.60 points out of a possible 40 to edge Karen Cockburn of Canada.

Cockburn, the bronze medalist in the Sydney Olympics, where trampoline made its debut, finished with 39.20 points. Huang Shanshan of China took bronze with 39.00.

Badminton

Men's doubles: Kim
Dong-moon and Ha Tae-kwon of
South Korea won the gold medal,
beating compatriots Lee
Dong-soo and Yoo Yong-sung. Indonesia's Eng Hian and Flandy
Limbele won the bronze medal.

Fencing

Women's team epee: Russia used a patient, defensive strategy to defeat Germany 34-28 and win

The Russian squad of Karina Aznavourian, Oxana Ermakova and Tatiana Logounova built their lead slowly by not allowing the Germans to score their second touch until more than 12 minutes into the 27-minute match.

Once up by seven points, the Russians never allowed the Germans to get any closer than two the rest of the way.

Judo

Men's over 100 kg, Women's over 78 kg-plus: Keiji Suzuki and Maki Tsukada took judo gold medals Friday to give Japan eight wins from 14 events these Olympics, a record haul for the country

that invented the discipline.

Suzuki won in the over 100kg category and Tsukada took the over 78kg-plus division.

In the women's category, Tsukada beat Dayma Beltran when she held the Cuban down for 25 seconds.

U.S. softball team sets up showdown

Americans to face Australia in semis

BY TOM WITHERS

ATHENS, Greece — Seven straight Olympic shutouts, and 77 victories in a row. The U.S. softball team is rolling like no team in

Cat Osterman struck out 10 in six innings, Crystl Bustos homered and the United States completed a perfect run through the preliminary round with a 3-0 victory over Taiwan on Friday, set-

ting up a U.S.-Australia showdown in the semifinals.
On another blistering day, the U.S. (7-0) stayed as hot as the Athenian sunshine.

The Americans are dominating in a way never seen before. Through seven games, they've outscored the opposition 41-0, allowed just 11 hits, permitted three runners to reach third and are poised to completely rewrite

the Olympic record book.

"We want to dominate," sai
center fielder Amanda Freed.

Dominant may not adequately describe what the U.S. has done to the field over the past week.

However, now is when things

get interesting.

Having cruised through round-robin play unscathed, the United States moves into Sunday's semifinals for a rematch with Australia, the only team to heat the Americans twice in the

And the pitcher who got both of those wins — Tanya Harding — is likely to start for the Aussies in

"I'm kind of thinking she might be on the mound," said U.S. coach Mike Candrea, who will go with Jennie Finch or Lisa Fernandez.

Fernandez will gladly take the ball. "I want to start everyday," she said.

Finch, too, would love to be the one in the circle.

"I hope I do start," she said,
"but if I don't I'll support whoev-

Right now, it may not matter who pitches. The United States didn't show many flaws in the opening round, but the tourna-

ment starts anew this weekend.
The Americans, who have already clinched at least a bronze medal, beat Australia 10-0 in a game shortened to five innings by the "mercy rule" earlier in the week. Things probably won't be

so easy next time.

"Australia couldn't care less what we've done in the last seven games," Fernandez said. "It's a

clean slate."
Give Taiwan (2-5) credit. The Taiwanese nearly scored, got three hits — two in the seventh off three-time Olympian Lori Harrigan — and became just the third team to go the seven-inning

distance with the Americans.

Taiwan loaded the bases in the third, but Osterman got out of the jam with a strikeout. In the seventh, Freed made a diving catch in the gap, jumped up and doubled the runger off first base.

Despite judging review, Hamm will retain gold

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The International Gymnastics Federation met Friday to review South Korea's protest of the score for Yang Tae-young in the all-around that left him with the bronze medal and gave American Paul Hamm the gold.

No matter what the result, though, scores cannot be reversed and Hamm's medal cannot be taken away, FIG spokesman Philippe Silacci said. He said FIG officials were reviewing tapes from Wednesday's all-around to determine whether judges should be sanctioned.

Silacci said he expected a decision to be announced Saturday.

Hamm won Wednesday night's meet with a score of 57.823, 0.012 points better than South Korea's Kim Dae-eun in the closest all-around finish in Olympic history. Yang finished third with a score of 57.774.

South Korea's gymnastics federation complained because Yang's parallel bars routine received a start value of 10 in team preliminaries and finals, but only a 9.9 for the same set in the all-around.

Had Yang received the extra tenth of a point, he would have finished first.

"Judges can make mistakes. That's human," Silacci said. "But it's like football. They cannot change the score once the game is

Silacci said reviews like this normally come weeks or months after the competition. But this "extraordinary meeting" was being held quickly so that, if needed, judges could be sanctioned before Monday's parallel bars event final.

The rules give countries the chance to make inquiries about scoring decisions, but those inquiries can only result in a changed score if they're put in before the following rotation is over.

"If you don't take advantage of that opportunity, then you lose that opportunity," said USA Gymnastics president Bob Colarossi.

SPORTS

Though short of Spitz's seven golds, Phelps still has shot to tie record for most medals in one Games. Page 38



Wambach taps in winner for U.S.

Unusual goal against Japan puts women's team in soccer semifinals

By JOSEPH WHITE The Associated Press

THESSALONIKI, Greece - Abby Wambach will never score an easier goal. From one foot away, she tapped the ball into the net and put the United States into the Olympic semifinals.

Wambach finished a 4-on-0 breakaway in the 59th minute with her 17th goal in her past 18 games, giving the U.S. women's soccer team a 2-1 quarterfinal victory over Japan on Friday.

The Americans will play Germany in the semifinals Monday in Iraklion. The game is a rematch of last year's World Cup semifinal, won 3-0 by eventual champion Ger-

All three goals were unusual, but Wambach's certainly required the least effort. With Mia Hamm taking a long free kick, the Japanese mistimed the offside trap, moving their defenders forward a split-second too late.

That left four American players alone to chase down Hamm's kick - and goalkeeper Nozomi Yamago helplessly surrounded. Shannon Boxx controlled the ball easily and slid a pass to Wambach, who literally trotted the ball into the net.

Kristine Lilly scored her second goal in as many games in the 43rd minute for the Americans, who improved to 14-0-3 against Japan. Emi Yamamoto scored for Japan in the 48th.

The U.S. team played more aggressively throughout, responding to coach April Heinrichs' urge to play with "less caution" after tepid efforts in the three first-round games Heinrichs moved Lilly to forward and opened with three attackers for the first time in the tournament, and Wambach returned after serving a one-game suspension for rough play. The Americans controlled much of the first half, surviving a momentary scare when Mia Hamm went down on a tackle by Aya Shimokozuru.

Hamm returned in less than a minute. Lilly's goal came when the veteran shook two defenders for a run into the penalty area, where she lost the ball on Hiromi Isozaki's tackle. Homare Sawa booted the bounding ball high into the air, and Lindsay Tarpley charged in and whiffed on a header that distracted goalkeeper Yamago just enough for Lilly to drive in an 8-yard shot just inside the left post.

Japan tied the game three minutes into the second half on Yamamoto's long free kick that bounced slowly inside the far post as Scurry and the U.S. defenders stood flat-footed

After Wambach made it 2-1, Julie Foudy nearly added a third goal in the 78th minute, but her header was headed off the line by midfielder Miyuki Yanagita

The U.S. survived a wild scramble in second-half injury time, when a Japanese corner kick bounced freely for several seconds before it was headed away.

Japan entered the game with five days rest in an unusual Olympic format that had teams playing different numbers of first-round games. The U.S. team had just two days' rest and played its fourth game in 10 days. Heinrichs gave two players their first

starts of the tournament

Tarpley replaced Aly Wagner in midfield, and defender Brandi Chastain played her first minutes of these Olympics in place of Cat Reddick.

Italy ...



USA's Abby Wambach, left, goes for the ball against Japan captain Hiromi Isozaki on Friday in Thessaloniki. Greece. The U.S. won 2-1 and will face Germany in the semifinals.



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